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ABSTRACT

The 468 libraries in Rhode Island(public, academic, school, and special) are all seeking to give optimum access to information to their users. The chief new component of the Five-Year Program presented is the development of ways to reach those who are not now library users at the same time that services to the current patrons are improved and strengthened. This particularly refers to those who have not sought out libraries because they have lacked advantages in a variety of ways. The program calls for a continuance and strengthening of the five Interrelated Library Systems and the Statewide library networks already established. The new efforts delineated in this five-year program are: (1) selective acquisition, (2) special services to pre-school children, (3) a statewide network of services to the homebound, (4) library services for economic advancement, (5) libraries as a focus of continuing education and (6) the training of para-professionals for work in libraries. (Other State Plans are: LI003985 through LI003993, LI003995 through LI003999, and LI004001 through LI004004.) (Author/NH)

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FOR
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PREFACE

"The life which is unexamined is not worth living."

PLATO

Men must think in order to have meaningful lives. To think effectively, men must communicate, and this includes access to all recorded communication. Libraries are among the chief instruments providing such access.

Libraries in Rhode Island have a long history since the State was colonized early. Total, adequate library service to all citizens has yet to be achieved, however.

The first seven years of the existence of the Rhode Island Department of State Library Services were Standards oriented. The law provides for this; the need is there to bring the many below-standard public libraries up toward at least State standards; and to improve service by the improvement in staffs, materials, hours open, and facilities.

The shift now in the LONG-RANGE PROGRAM here presented is to a Service oriented emphasis. With such strengths as exist, with added capacity as we grow together, and building on the cooperation already set in motion in 1968 with the Statewide library network, it is planned that the next five years show a direction toward improving the services given now, developing new and viable services, and especially seeking out target groups of those who have not up until now used library services at all or to their optimum.

It is with confidence that the planning that went into this long-range program will result in better total library service to the people of Rhode Island that this program is submitted.

Elizabeth G. Myer
Director

SUMMARY

Information communicated is the essence of library service. The four hundred and sixty-eight libraries in Rhode Island (public, academic, school, and special) are all seeking to give optimum access to information to their users.

The chief new component of the FIVE YEAR LONG-RANGE PROGRAM here presented is the development of ways to reach those who are not now library users at the same time that services to the current patrons are improved and strengthened. This particularly refers to those who have not sought out libraries because they have lacked advantages in a variety of ways.

The program calls for a continuance and strengthening of the five Interrelated Library Systems and the Statewide library network already established. A special ten-year evaluation of this network is planned for fiscal 1974.

The present programs for library service in State institutions and for the blind and handicapped are also to be continued and upgraded.

The new efforts delineated in this five-year program are briefly listed as follows:

Selective Acquisition
Special Services to Pre-school Children
A Statewide Network of Services to the Homebound
Library Services for Economic Advancement
Libraries as a Focus of Continuing Education
The Training of Para-professionals for Work in Libraries

The full cooperation of libraries in programs designed to erase illiteracy; the continuing implementation of a public library construction program; and a steady effort to promote interlibrary cooperation are also part of the program.

A continuing evaluation is to be a part of this effort, with the long-range program considered a viable and continually developing document to be monitored by milestoning and changed by analysis.

The needs of the State as a Library Community will continue to be studied by the State Advisory Council on Libraries which assisted in the preparation of this program as presented, and by the key library personnel and as many interested citizens as can reasonably be involved.

It is to be hoped that the planning indicated in this FIVE YEAR LONG-RANGE PROGRAM FOR LIBRARY SERVICES serves to improve, expand, and innovate library services for every citizen of Rhode Island.

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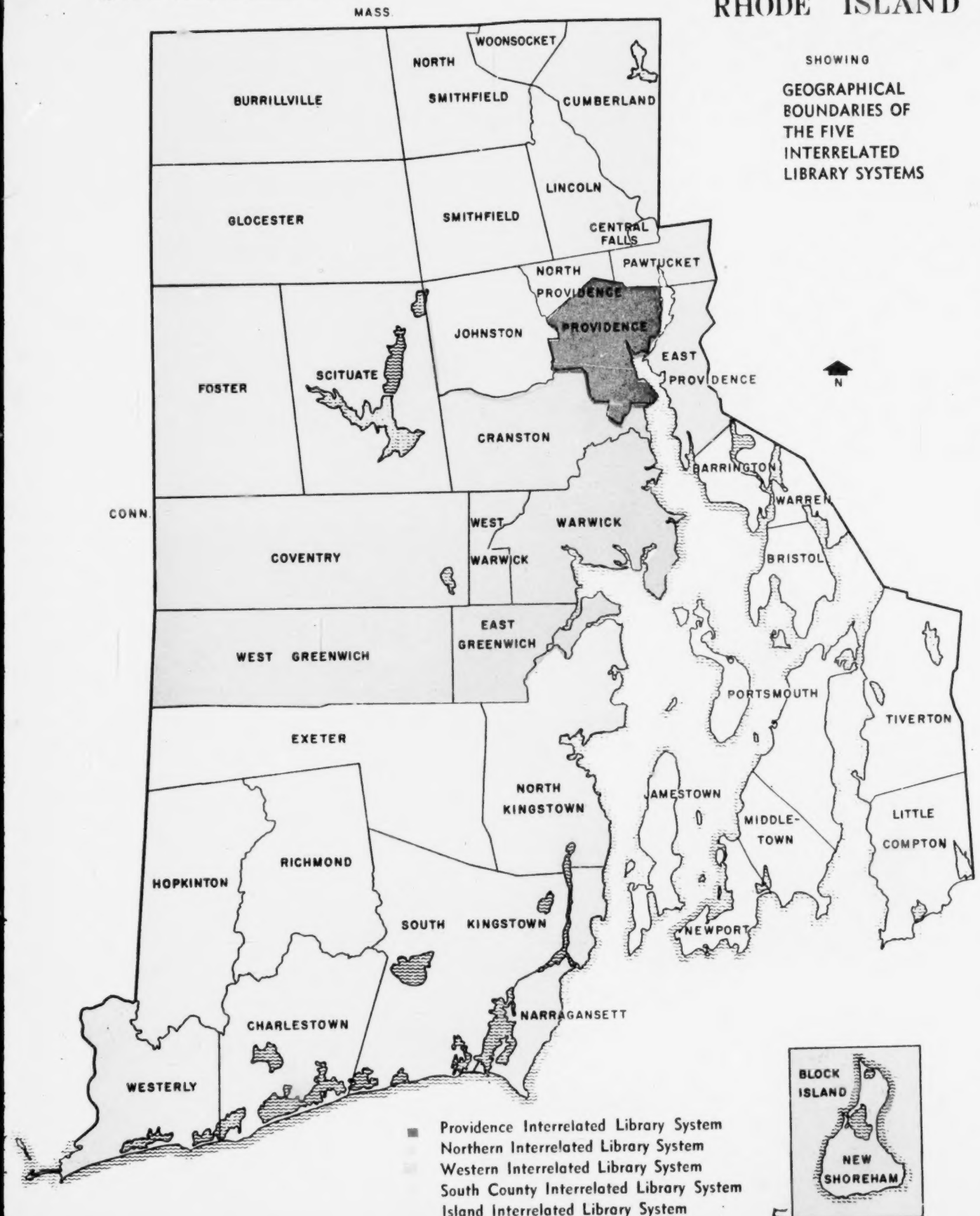
MAP OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

SHOWING

GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE FIVE INTERRELATED LIBRARY SYSTEMS



BACKGROUND AND STATUS

PURPOSE

With the encouragement and educational input of the U.S. Office of Education, each of the State library agencies is taking a long look at its program, with the prospect of implementing needed change.

The Rhode Island State Library agency, the Department of State Library Services, came into being in 1964; made a radical change from public library service assistance to a concept of total library service involving all types of libraries in 1967; and has already planned for a ten-year review in 1974. The Five Year Long-Range Program now required, therefore, fits well with the planning needs of this State.

The following Five Year Long-Range Program here submitted to the Governor reflects the input of many library and non-library persons and is to be considered a live, changing document which is to undergo continuing evaluation over the period of its lifetime and beyond.

GEOGRAPHY

Rhode Island - a State equivalent in size to a county, and with a population of a large city - is faced with needs unique to its geographical layout.[1] Despite its size as the smallest State, it has a long coastline and three island communities. Because of its area, no one point in the State (with the exception of New Shoreham) is much more than an hour from any other point. Therefore, any planning for Rhode Island should be done with these facts of geography in mind, and, in many instances, considering the State as a totality.

HISTORY OF RECENT LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

In 1964, under the impetus of the Library Services and Construction Act, a law was passed by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations creating a Department of State Library Services.[2] This, for the first time, permitted a strong library agency for the development of public library services, with some mention of cooperative library services. The 1967 amendment to the General Laws of Rhode Island greatly strengthened the cooperative aspects and created interrelated library systems. The key to the Department's planning is this interlocking network of five interrelated library systems. This system approach has worked well, and since 1968 this interrelated network has upgraded library service all over the State. Through telephone and teletype, every person in Rhode Island, through his local, participating library, has access to the resources of other libraries, to Special Research Centers at Brown University, the University of Rhode Island, and Rhode Island College, and to a number of public school and private school libraries, which have chosen to participate. From the Principal Public Library (Providence Public Library) this teletype network reaches out far beyond the State's boundaries. The major emphases of this beginning program were development and services, with development taking first place since so many public libraries fell far below standards. Nevertheless, citizens have begun to receive improved services by way of local improvement and shared expertise and materials.

A special library problem, that of multiple-library cities and towns, has been largely overcome since 1964. In that year, Rhode Island had 76 separate public libraries in 39 cities and towns. Through consolidation, the number of libraries has been reduced to 48 public libraries. This number will again be reduced in 1972, and the goal is one strong, functional local library system in each city or town, coordinating within the interrelated systems, and, where possible, consolidating in sub-systems. Three towns (Exeter, West Greenwich, and Glocester - total population 10,246) decided to withdraw after a year in the Statewide library program, rather than to meet minimal standards in a Timetable promulgated beginning in 1965 from Standards for Public Libraries adopted by the Rhode Island Library Association.[3] The special library needs of the people in these towns are furnished by the Regional Library Centers, which receive a per capita grant-in-aid to give this service when requested.

An examination of tables of comparable statistics covering the years 1964 through 1971, plus information from annual reports submitted by public libraries, does show some improvement, chiefly in hours open, local per capita support, and the upgrading of library staffs. The current table indicates some measure of the distance yet to go.[4]

Before an assessment of needs, problems, and opportunities in developing comprehensive library services in Rhode Island can be made, some attention should be directed to the needs and problems of the public libraries themselves which have been assigned the key role in helping to allay these needs.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NEEDS

A look at the public libraries will reveal that these agencies have development needs to meet before they can effectively deal with all the needs of their communities. From information received in Annual Reports from each participating library in the State, the libraries' personnel needs are recorded as 173 more staff members.[5] The figure is derived from the ALA minimum standard of one full-time library staff member for each 2,000 population served. The public libraries also need 521,190 more volumes than they presently have. This data is also compiled from a combination of information received in Annual Reports and based on the ALA minimum standard of 2.2 books per capita. In most of the libraries, non-book material (audio-visual, realia, etc.) is either confined to record collections or is totally non-existent. An estimate on facility requirements is lacking. However, a quick survey will show that present library facilities are, in many cases, inadequate.

NEEDS OF THE STATE AS A LIBRARY COMMUNITY

The needs, problems, and opportunities for library service reveal similarities to those of other States; yet are, in some ways, unique to the growth and development of this small State. On a national scale, the total State is likely to be considered as part of the megalopolis extending from Boston to Washington. Still, a number of communities such as Burrillville, Foster,

Hopkinton, and Little Compton have their own point of view in which they consider themselves partly rural. The former mill villages and other separate sections of municipalities still retain a surprising identity in this part of New England as evidenced by the fact that up until a year ago there were eight separate libraries in the City of Warwick, and in the not distant past there were four libraries in West Warwick and six in Cranston. The three island communities must gear for extra heavy service during the summer months. New Shoreham has a year-round population of 500 which expands to about 7,500 during June, July, August, and September. A similar rise is experienced on Conanicut and Prudence Islands.

Ethnic

The early settlers in the State tended to settle along the coast and as a result Rhode Island has a number of small coastal cities and towns which rely on the ocean for economic survival. These cities and towns also attract immigrants from the same type of environment. The largest group is the Portuguese. There is a steady annual immigration of these people to Rhode Island from mainland Portugal as well as from Portuguese Island possessions, and these people bring a long and rich heritage from many diverse cultures. The Cape Verdeans and Canary Islanders have an Afro-European culture while those from the Azores and the Caribbean areas have developed from a different cultural root. An examination of the Portuguese in Rhode Island shows that, as a group, they integrate quite easily and have a rapid upward mobility. Yet there is a need by first-generation Portuguese immigrants for English as a Second Language and economic opportunity.[6] The people of Portuguese extraction constitute about 14% of the total population of the State whereas other minority and ethnic groups are in lesser proportion. Statistics show that Blacks constitute less than 4% of the population and are in every section of the State.[7] Starting about 18 months ago, a new wave of migration was noticed in the State. Spanish-speaking people are leaving the big urban centers of other States and are settling in the small coastal towns of Rhode Island. The northern end of the State has another group which is ethnically isolated. These people are of French-Canadian extraction. In addition, Rhode Island has a number of other ethnic groups: Italians, Polish, and Ukrainians are some, with even a few American Indians. Thus, ethnic isolation and need for English as a Second Language, as well as functional illiteracy, require special assistance from libraries. In spite of certain identifiable enclaves, the ethnic and minority populations appear in an amazingly scattered pattern in Rhode Island.[8] This leads to the conclusion that an attack on the problems of serving these people through libraries can best be approached within each System.

The Navy

Another group which far too often is placed in a minority or outcast position consists of the thousands of Navy families in the State. A table excerpted from the Annual Report by the Navy in the Rhode Island Area for 1971 shows a breakdown of where

the Navy personnel are located in the State.[9] A great number of young enlisted men who marry their neighborhood sweetheart are too often disillusioned when they are forced to live in sub-standard housing and exist on a poverty level. A Seaman 3rd Class at the maximum E4 pay scale makes $3,144 per annum. If he is married and has one child, his income is just at the "cutoff" indicating poverty.[10] Rhode Island has the Newport Naval Base on one side of Narragansett Bay and the Naval Air Station at Quonset Point and the Seabee Center at Davisville on the other side. Both the Air Station and the Seabee Center are in the Town of North Kingstown. It is significant that Newport, Middletown, and North Kingstown are three of the towns in Rhode Island needing the highest percentage of low income housing. Newport needs 945 low income units which would be 9.3% of the households in the City. Middletown's needs are even greater. There 10.3% of the households need low income housing, and over in North Kingstown, 8.2% of the households need low income units.[11]

Education and Literacy

Still another concern in Rhode Island is the low level of literacy. The average expenditure per pupil is $983, and Rhode Island is ranked 7th in the nation on per pupil expenditure.[12] Slightly over 13% of the elementary and secondary school children in Rhode Island are enrolled in non-public schools.[13] Despite these factors, the dropout rate of high school students is about 22%. The median school years completed in Rhode Island is 10.2.[14] The literacy level in Rhode Island ranks the State 37th in the roster of the States. The cooperation of every public library with the public schools on a Right to Read effort (assistance toward ability to read) should be a concern throughout the State.

The Rhode Island Department of Education has recently been mandated to accept responsibility for the education of children at three years of age. Other agencies have stated that education should start at the age of 18 months. The 1970 census gives a count of 76,035 children under the age of five years in Rhode Island.[15] Early Childhood Education is a national priority and a definite need in Rhode Island.

The Elderly

Swinging to the other end of the scale, we find that 15% of the population is over 60 years of age and that over 5,300 people are confined to nursing or convalescent homes.[16] There is a need for library service to the elderly and to the homebound.

As briefly mentioned earlier, low income housing is a pressing need in Rhode Island. Some 29,441 families in the State live in substandard housing. There is also a need for 9,855 low income family units in the State, which would include special low income housing needed for the elderly.[17]

A most pressing need in Rhode Island is employment. The average unemployment rate in some areas of Rhode Island is 11.4%. This is almost twice the national rate. Of the population of the State, 10.4% is classed as poor, and more than 12% of the population receives some sort of public assistance.[18] Through proper programs, the public library can help allay some of these needs.

Handicapped

Some other needs and problems exist in the areas of the blind, institutionalized, handicapped, and similar groups. There are 8,547 chronically ill, 18,837 persons being treated for some sort of mental illness, and 1,765 blind persons in Rhode Island.[19] The blind in Rhode Island are almost all identified and are served well by the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped located within the Department of State Library Services. Contact has been made with other agencies, and attempts are being made to reach all the physically handicapped within the State.

Communication and Information

Two factors that work extremely well toward solutions of library problems in Rhode Island are the geography (which means that a great many of the library personnel, as well as others, meet and communicate easily) and, secondly, that interrelated library systems began with the concept that each System be considered a totality in planning. Public libraries, school media centers, academic libraries, and special libraries are to be considered in the planning of each System as well as in planning for the State as a whole. (In 1970, Bryant College moved to the Town of Smithfield in the Northern Interrelated Library System. When Rhode Island Junior College makes its expected move to the City of Warwick in the fall of 1972, there will be academic resources in each System.)

Since 1965, there has been a continual updating of information and resources for each public library in the State. At the start of a fiscal year, each participating library has to file an application for its Grant-in-Aid.[20] On this application, the library must state how the money will be spent and how much per capita public support the library is receiving from its local city or town. Before the second half payment of the Grant-in-Aid is made, each library must file a Semi-Annual Report.[21] This report shows how they have spent monies and some of the services they have been performing for their communities. At the end of the fiscal year, each participating library must file an Annual Report.[22] This report is a more detailed accounting of either their performance or non-performance. These are three data gathering tools that the Department uses, and they are currently under revision.

In addition, there is a monthly Systems Meeting which involves key Department staff and the Directors and Coordinators of the five Interrelated Library Systems. These meetings permit

both written and verbal reports to be given on the Systems' progress. At least once a year all the academic library Directors are invited to join in with the Systems heads and, at least once a year, public librarians from libraries not designated as Systems Centers are invited to a Systems meeting. The Chief of the Division of Planning and Development meets once a month with the five Coordinators, and additional information is exchanged. This year school library personnel will take part in a Systems meeting at the State level. All types of libraries have been involved in meetings at the System level.

Data is supplied by Departmental staff when they make field visits or go out as a consultant. After each visit, these staff members write a Field Trip Report.[23]

Further facts and information are supplied to the Department in various ways. Since 1962, an annual Table of Comparable Statistics has been compiled. An analysis of these statistics will again show how a library is performing and toward what areas its major efforts are directed. From time to time, the Department asks the libraries or the Systems heads for special reports to show how the libraries are meeting the special needs of their communities. This fiscal year public libraries were asked to report on their estimated expenditures of funds on the following five National Priorities: Early Childhood Education, Drug Abuse Education, Right to Read, Environmental Education, and Ethnic or Cultural Isolation. This year, also, the Coordinator of each Interrelated Library System was required to visit and create a written profile of each public library in the System.[24]

The data flow in Rhode Island is a two-way communication channel. The public libraries keep the Department informed of the needs and problems of their communities, and the Department keeps the libraries running on the right track for national and State priorities.

PLANNING PROCESS

Within the framework of the few brief months from the inception of the Statewide Library Planning and Evaluation Institute, the Department has sought advice and information from the State Advisory Council on Libraries and has had the closer consideration of a smaller committee from this Council; has worked with the Advisory Board of Library Commissioners in regard to planning; has fully discussed initial work on the Long-Range Program with the Budget Office; and has sought the advice and cooperation of top planning personnel in the Rhode Island Department of Education. The USOE Regional Program Officer from Region I has been given an opportunity to meet with the State Advisory Council during deliberations on the planning.

Key representatives of the library profession in the State have been involved. At the May, 1972 Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island Library Association an overview of the Program was given to the membership. A panel discussion with the Regional Program Officer as Resource Person provided for continuing contribution to the Program.

The Department is assisted in overall policy matters by its Advisory Board of Library Commissioners, established under the 1964 library legislation. Besides advising the Director, it can act as a board of review and appeal, and serves "as representatives of the people in securing a comprehensive program of free public library services in the State."

In the course of planning, various alternatives had been considered regarding objectives and projects and the alternative deemed most likely to succeed in achieving goals was chosen.

NEEDS AND MEASUREMENT

As outlined above, needs assessments have been carried on since the inception of the Department through reports, surveys, field trips, meetings, profiles, and a consensus of professional opinion. The constraints of time and funding preclude a formal, external needs assessment of users and non-users before the key year of the ten-year survey planned for fiscal 1974.

The inadequacy of library service at all levels and for all population groups has resulted in the master goal. The sub-goals represent sectors of service to population groups clearly identified within each System. Criteria for identifying the disadvantaged are listed in the document. Needs, goals, and objectives were arrived at with the assistance of the State Advisory Council on Libraries. Governmental goals at the top State level are in the process of formulation - Goals and Policies For the Development of Rhode Island.

Although Rhode Island has been developing its own indicators for measurement, it is voicing a strong need for regional and national indicators and intends to cooperate in the development of these. New State Standards for Public Library Service currently being developed will assist in measurement.

With this brief review of the past and present status of library service, planning, and communication, the stage is set for future planning.

NOTES

1. Exhibit A Map of Rhode Island Interrelated Library Systems*

2. Exhibit B Extract from General Laws of Rhode Island*

3. Table 3 Standards for Public Libraries (Prepared by Standards Committee of the Rhode Island Library Association, 1965.)+

4. Tables 4,5 Table Showing Comparable Statistics as Reported for Services of Public Libraries of Rhode Island, Fiscal 1963 through 1971+

5. Exhibit C Annual Report of Participating Libraries+

6. Table 6 Aliens who Reported under the Alien Address Program by Selected Nationalities and State of Residence During 1971*
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Table 8 Foreign Stock by Country of Origin - 1960 Federal Census+

7. Table 9 Race (by System)*

8. Table 8 Foreign Stock by Country of Origin - 1960 Federal Census+

9. Table 12 Excerpt from Annual Report by the Navy in the Rhode Island Area, 1971*

10. Table 10 Income "Cutoff" Indicating Poverty - Rhode Island 1972*

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13. Table 43 Attendance at all Types of Schools in Systems, 1971/72*

14. Table 18 Years of School Completed, by Race and Age: 1970. Median Years of School Completed - 1940 to 1960, and by State*

15. Table 21 Population Under Five Years of Age (by System)*

16. Table 27 Nursing Homes, Convalescent Homes, Rest Homes*
Table 26 Over 60 by Sex (by Systems)*

17. Table 29 Public Housing in Rhode Island as of 12/31/70*
Table 11 Per Cent of Households Needing Low Income Housing 2/72*

18. Table 34 Poor Persons - Number and Incidence, by States: 1959, 1969+
Table 33 Unemployed 1/72*
Table 41 Percent of Population Receiving Some Form of Public Assistance*

*Included in Document
+On File at R.I. Department of State Library Services

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19. Table 37 Estimated Cases Chronically Ill for Rhode Island+
Table 38 Patients in Mental Care Facilities, 1968, and in Public Institutions for Mentally Retarded, 1969 - States*

20. Exhibit D Application for Grant-in-Aid for Free Public Libraries+

21. Exhibit E Semi-Annual Report of Participating Libraries+

22. Exhibit C Annual Report of Participating Libraries+

23. Exhibit F Confidential Field Trip Report+

24. Exhibit G National Priorities Report+
Exhibit H Sample Profile Form+

*Included in Document
+On File at R.I. Department of State Library Services

LONG-RANGE PROGRAM

GOAL To achieve an improvement of the use of information (in its broadest sense) for citizens of all ages, through libraries.

This overall goal must encompass an implementation of goals set by law at both the State* and national+ levels.

* STATEMENT OF POLICY. The general assembly hereby declares it to be the policy of this state that free public libraries are essential to the general enlightenment of citizens in a democracy; that such free public libraries shall provide for the cultural, educational, informational and research needs of all citizens; that such free public libraries are an integral part of the educational system at all levels and a source for vocational information and continued learning following the period of formal education; and that it is the responsibility of government at all levels to provide adequate financial support for all such free public libraries. The general assembly further declares it to be the policy of this state to coordinate on a cooperative basis the resources of academic, free public, school and special libraries to meet the expanding needs of all citizens and that it is the responsibility of government at all levels to provide adequate financial support to coordinate library resources throughout the state for improved library services to all citizens.

General Laws of Rhode Island

\+ "The purpose of the regulations in this part is to implement the provisions of the Library Services and Construction Act, as amended, which provides for Federal grants to States to assist them in the establishment, extension, and improvement of public library services in areas of the State which are without such services or in which such services are inadequate; with public library construction; in the establishment, extension, and improvement of such other State library services as library services for physically handicapped, institutionalized, and disadvantaged persons; in strengthening the State library administrative agency; and in promoting interlibrary cooperation among all types of libraries."

Office of Education (45 CFR Part 130) LIBRARY SERVICES, PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION, AND INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION. Proposed Procedures for Financial Assistance. Federal Register, VOL. 37, NO. 7 - Wednesday, January 12, 1972.

SUB-GOALS

The following sub-goals represent a spelling out of the major thrusts for the next five years.

1. To improve the quantity and quality of library service to youth, with efforts to reach the non-user and the persons identified as disadvantaged.

2. To improve the quantity of library service to adults, with efforts to reach the non-user and the persons identified as disadvantaged.

3. To promote the use of libraries of all types by informing persons of all ages of what is available in present and proposed services.

4. To upgrade the personnel of the State Library Agency and of all libraries in the State, and plan to have a sharing of existing expertise.

5. To upgrade the materials available in all types of libraries, avoiding unnecessary duplication by sharing resources and by implementing plans for selective acquisition.

6. To utilize new technologies for the improvement of library service.

7. To aid and encourage the cooperation of all types of libraries in Rhode Island - public, special, school, academic, and research, in order to bring the total library resources of the State to bear on the totality of the information needs of the State and its citizens.

8. To develop interfaces and connections with regional and national library networks in order to improve library service within the State.

9. To continue and expand library services to the physically handicapped, including an additional effort to identify persons needing the special services.

10. To continue the expansion of library services in State institutions with emphasis on quality.

11. To develop leadership and expertise on phases of library operations at the State level.

The accompanying milestone chart delineates a chronological overview of the projects described in the pages which follow it.

RHODE ISLAND FIVE YEAR LONG-RANGE PROGRAM

Rhode Island Department of State Library Services

		1973	19
1.	Strengthen State Library Agency		
2.	Statewide Library Network		
3.	Statewide Processing Center		
4.	Institutional Library Services		
5.	Library Services to the Blind and Physically Handicapped		
6.	Supplementary Resource Centers		
7.	Selective Acquisition		
8.	Library Services to Pre-School Children		
9.	Library Services to the Homebound		
10.	Library Services for Economic Advancement		
11.	Continuing Education		
12.	Training of Para-professionals		
13.	Right to Read		

— Ongoing programs
— Projected programs
— Disadvantaged element
— Ten Year Review

Evaluation	Information Collection	Information Organization	Information Analysis	Recycling	Ten year Review: Information Collection	Ten year Review: Information Organization

July, 1972

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CRITERIA FOR DISADVANTAGED

Persons whose income is at or below the poverty "cutoff" level.

Persons who encounter economic or social problems because of linguistic or cultural isolation.

Persons who are members of minority races.

Persons who are functionally illiterate.

Persons who are unemployed and those who are unemployable.

TITLE I
PROJECT NUMBER 1

Responsive to:
Sub-goal 4. Upgrading of personnel
Sub-goal 11. Developing state leadership

STRENGTHENING STATE LIBRARY AGENCY

NEED: Leadership and expertise at the State level in a State which, by its size, cannot expect to have great numbers of professional librarians on staffs.

OBJECTIVE: To achieve optimum leadership for developing excellence in total library service.

INPUT:

DESIGN

Strengthen and upgrade the Department staff and facilitate sharing of professional expertise.

ACTIVITIES

Add professional staff.

Add para-professional staff.

Add clerical staff.

Train professional staff.

Train para-professional staff.

Train clerical staff.

Responsive to:

Sub-goal	1.	Service to youth
Sub-goal	2.	Service to adults
Sub-goal	7.	Aiding cooperation
Sub-Goal	8.	Developing out-of-state networks

STATEWIDE LIBRARY NETWORK

NEED: To develop personnel, resources, and services and to use the relatively small resources of the State in both personnel and materials to the optimum for the benefit of the citizens even as the resources are increased and developed, with an emphasis on outreach and special programs in the target areas as determined within each System.

OBJECTIVE: To provide access to all types of libraries so that the total resources of the State can be at the service of each citizen.

INPUT:

DESIGN

To maintain and upgrade the Statewide library network.

ACTIVITIES

See sub-projects attached

Sub-Project Number 2-A

GRANTS-IN-AID TO CITIES AND TOWNS

There is an established series of grants to: cities and towns for improved community library service; to regional library centers; to a principal public library; and to special research centers. These are controlled by initial agreements, written methods of operation, written programs of service, semi-annual and annual reports.

A grant-in-aid for public library service is made to each city and town upon the receipt of a proper application which certifies that the public libraries in that jurisdiction are working towards standards. The grant is for staff and/or library materials.

System planning and cooperative efforts will be emphasized now that most multiple library cities and towns have moved to consolidate their efforts into a single service for each municipality.

Each Interrelated Library System will continue to upgrade the community libraries in its System in order that they may be joined together as strong units.

The State-Federal increase in the grant-in-aid to Cities and Towns was predicated on an effort of the community libraries to move ahead in planning and performance to offer library services which reflect the National Priorities.

Sub-Project Number 2-B

GRANT TO THE PRINCIPAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Providence Public Library is annually designated as the Principal Public Library and receives a grant with a two-fold obligation:

a. To serve the State with materials and reference services.

   1. to serve as a keystone for interlibrary loan.
   2. to serve referred citizens.

b. To coordinate the various types of library services within the City of Providence.

Encouragement of this library to show genuine leadership among the libraries in its own City as well as throughout the State is still a prime need.

A special emphasis will be required of this library for innovative, demonstration projects serving the present non-user in a way that can be a guide to other libraries in the State.

Sub-Project Number 2-C

GRANTS TO REGIONAL LIBRARY CENTERS

Annual grants to four public libraries designated as Regional Library Centers:

Pawtucket Public Library	- Regional Library Center for the Northern Interrelated Library System
Warwick Public Library	- Regional Library Center for the Western Interrelated Library System
Barrington Public Library	- Regional Library Center for the Island Interrelated Library System
Westerly Public Library	- Regional Library Center for the South County Interrelated Library System

Each Regional Library Center has a two-fold obligation with this grant:

a. To serve the System with materials and reference services through interlibrary loan and referral.

b. To coordinate the various types of library services within the System.

An effort is being introduced to involve more closely the Regional Library Centers in the achieving of standards.

An effort will be required of each Regional Library Center to assist each library in its System to identify the non-users in its area of service and to devise methods of reaching out to these persons.

Each Interrelated Library System is being requested to identify how community libraries are relating to organized groups in the community and to report back to the Department re noteworthy successes and failures.

Some of the State-Federal increase in grants for each Regional Library Center is to be used to promote, encourage, and implement current National Priorities in library service.

Sub-Project Number 2-D

GRANT TO SPECIAL RESEARCH CENTERS

The libraries of three academic institutions are designated annually as Special Research Centers:

Brown University Libraries
James P. Adams Library - Rhode Island College
University of Rhode Island Library

Energies are being expended on increasing the grants to these institutions in the future and thus their involvement, rather than in seeking out additional Special Research Centers.

These libraries are expected, in accordance with agreements, to make their resources available to all citizens, and to make available to the entire state the collections of these libraries, by agreement, and through interlibrary loan and referral.

Sub-Project Number 2-E

GRANT TO THE RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY FILM COOPERATIVE

An annual grant is made to the Warwick Public Library to administer a public library film cooperative which serves the entire State through its public libraries. These same films are made available to State institutions.

A continuing effort is made to include films of use to those working with the disadvantaged.

Adult and juvenile films of general interest are available to groups of citizens through the public libraries of the State.

A new plan for support by allocations of funds from the public and other libraries in the State is being put into effect in fiscal 1972 and 1973. This is in addition to the grant from the Department.

TITLE I
PROJECT NUMBER 3

Responsive to:

Sub-goal	6.	Use of new technologies
Sub-goal	7.	Aiding cooperation
Sub-goal	8.	Developing out-of-state networks

STATEWIDE PROCESSING CENTER

NEED: Accurate and quality bibliographic control of library materials in the State.

OBJECTIVE: To provide a central source for the processing of library materials which is open to all kinds of libraries and with the possibility of future bibliographic control involving all types of libraries.

INPUT:

DESIGN

To upgrade bibliographic control throughout the State.

ACTIVITIES

Process (order, catalog, process, deliver) library materials for public, school, academic, and special libraries to increase the availability of materials by quality organization; and to permit, in the future, identification of resource strengths and access to holdings.

Assess the needs for bibliographic control on a State-wide and New England-wide level.

TITLE I
PROJECT NUMBER 4

Responsive to:
Sub-goal 1. Service to youth
Sub-goal 2. Service to adults
Sub-goal 10. Serving state institutions

INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARY SERVICES

NEED: To provide optimum library participation in full rehabilitative efforts for the residents of State institutions.

OBJECTIVE: Good programs of library service in each State-supported institution, beginning with service to residents and moving to services for other than fully State-supported.

INPUT:

DESIGN

To assure staff time and accessibility to materials for residents of State-supported institutions.

Commensurate with institutional population in Rhode Island, working toward national goals for State institutional library services.

ACTIVITIES

Continue assessment of the needs in each institution.

Give consultant service at the State level to the staff in each institution.

Encourage with incentive grants institutional staffing for library services.

Fund direct grants for materials for institutional libraries.

Make a beginning with pilot projects to serve the residents in other than fully State-supported institutions.

Plan for assistance to staff libraries in State institutions.

Responsive to:
Sub-goal 1. Service to youth
Sub-goal 2. Service to adults
Sub-goal 9. Serving the physically handicapped

LIBRARY SERVICES TO THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

NEED: To provide an adequate library component for the education and life improvement of the blind and physically handicapped residents of the State.

OBJECTIVE: To continue to provide and to expand library services of a special nature for the blind and physically handicapped.

INPUT

DESIGN

The continued development of special expertise in personnel to provide these special library services.

The continued access to special materials to serve this clientele.

ACTIVITIES

Upgrade continually the census of the blind and physically handicapped to identify other physically handicapped persons.

Reinforce the present effort to make library services known to this special clientele.

Continue and develop special programs for this particular clientele, plus improving the quantity and quality of materials.

TITLE I
PROJECT NUMBER 6

Responsive to:
Sub-goal 1. Service to youth
Sub-goal 2. Service to adults
Sub-goal 7. Aiding cooperation

SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCE CENTERS

NEED: To promote the interaction of public libraries and school libraries so that all learners, but especially children who are economically and ethnically disadvantaged, can receive a total library service.

OBJECTIVE: Effective work councils of librarians between the public libraries and the media centers in each System - and the implementation of Supplementary Resource Centers (5 of them).

INPUT:

DESIGN

The initiation of the first Supplementary Resource Center. This represents the implementation of permissive legislation in the Rhode Island library law passed in 1967. The section is here quoted:

> 29-6-7.1 Supplementary resource centers: grants-in-aid. - The department of state library services is authorized to designate a library within each inter-related library system as a supplementary resource center to coordinate school, public, academic and special library services to students and other learners. Each such supplementary resource center shall enter into agreement with the department to provide such services and shall receive a minimum grant of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) annually for its services as a supplementary resource center.

The Robert H. Champlin Memorial Library in West Warwick has been designated to receive the grant.

Even before there is funding for further Supplementary Resource Centers, effective work councils of librarians between the public libraries and the media centers in each system will be encouraged.

ACTIVITIES

To be determined

TITLE I
PROJECT NUMBER 7

Responsive to:
Sub-goal 5. Upgrading of materials
Sub-goal 7. Aiding cooperation

SELECTIVE ACQUISITION

NEED: To stretch the future resources of the State in library materials and staffs so that more users may be well served.

OBJECTIVE: An eventual plan for selective acquisitions among all types of libraries in the state, with an initial phase to involve the Regional Library Centers and the Principal Public Library.

INPUT:

DESIGN

Building on strengths which exist.

Selecting fields of interest for future acquisition.

ACTIVITIES

Assess present strengths

Assess over all needs:

for the general reader
for the student
for the scholar

Assess strengths needed in geographical areas.

Identify expertise for future acquisition and consequent staff training.

TITLE I
PROJECT NUMBER 8

Responsive to:
Sub-goal 1. Service to youth
Sub-goal 2. Service to adults
Sub-goal 7. Aiding cooperation

LIBRARY SERVICES TO PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

NEED: A library component of the educational and general life information requirements of children from 18 months to five years, with special emphasis on the disadvantaged child.

OBJECTIVE: To emphasize the importance of and carry out library services as a part of early childhood education by offering special programs of service through existing outlets. (A Statewide network of special library services to pre-school children.)

INPUT:

DESIGN

Programs in libraries for children.

Programs in libraries for mothers.

Programs outside libraries for children.

Programs outside libraries for mothers.

Picture book hours.

Use of non-print materials (AV).

Use of realia, animals, etc.

Field trips.

Programs with outside resource people.

ACTIVITIES

Supplement print materials.

Supplement non-print materials.

Produce book lists for the very young.

Supply book lists for the parents of the very young.

Train personnel in work with the very young.

Criteria -

1. Libraries serving a high proportion of economically disadvantaged.

2. Libraries serving a high proportion of ethnically disadvantaged.

TITLE I
PROJECT NUMBER 9

Responsive to:
Sub-goal 2. Service to adults
Sub-goal 4. Upgrading of personnel
Sub-goal 5. Upgrading of materials

LIBRARY SERVICES TO THE HOMEBOUND

NEED: Improved library services to the homebound, with special emphasis on the elderly.

OBJECTIVE: A Statewide network of services to the homebound.

INPUT:

DESIGN

Improved or new service to individuals in their homes.

Improved or new service to persons in nursing and convalescent homes.

Improved or new service to residents of housing units for elderly.

ACTIVITIES

Lend special collections from DSLS to libraries conducting action programs for elderly.

Mail materials direct from DSLS to back up library action programs for elderly.

Give consultant service on materials selection for elderly.

Train personnel for work with the elderly.

Criteria -

Action programs characterized by:

1. A demonstrable effort by the library requesting additional services.
2. Service to the economically disadvantaged.
3. Services to the ethnically and culturally disadvantaged.

NOTE: The budget request includes the position of Community-Library Consultant. One-half time of this position would be directing this project with further assistance from other DSLS staff.

TITLE I
PROJECT NUMBER 10

Responsive to:
Sub-goal 1. Service to youth
Sub-goal 2. Service to adults
Sub-goal 3. Promotion of use
Sub-goal 5. Upgrading of materials
Sub-goal 7. Aiding cooperation

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT

NEED: The economic advancement of citizens at all levels.

OBJECTIVE: To assist citizens in their economic well-being through library services.

INPUT:

DESIGN

Improvement of library information for labor.

Improvement of library information for industry and business.

Library assistance in job training and skills development.

An increase of adequate consumer information and education.

ACTIVITIES

Assist, by means of materials loans and consultation, library action programs involving:

Public library supplementation of career education.

Public library programs to promote upward mobility in the job market.

An improved range of information on management.

Consumer education and information through programs and materials.

(The present assistance of the Providence Public Library in identifying and procuring government documents for the Statewide Network will include emphasis on identifying documents useful in this project.)

(A liaison effort will be made with the Department of Employment Security and the Department of Labor.)

Responsive to:
Sub-goal 1. Service to youth
Sub-goal 2. Service to adults
Sub-goal 3. Promotion of use
Sub-goal 6. Use of new technologies

CONTINUING EDUCATION

NEED: Full range of continuing education opportunities for citizens, including innovative library inputs.

OBJECTIVE: To develop libraries, particularly public libraries, as a focus as well as a supplement of continuing education.

INPUT:

DESIGN

Supplementing and participating in community-wide education.

Programmed learning with libraries as a setting as well as a resource.

Total public library involvement in campus-free education.

Utilization of cable television possibilities.

ACTIVITIES

Plan for: (with the Rhode Island Department of Education and local education agencies)

1. Library training for the above.
2. A milestoning of the implementation of the above.

TITLE I
PROJECT NUMBER 12

Responsive to:
Sub-goal 1. Service to youth
Sub-goal 2. Service to adults
Sub-goal 4. Upgrading of personnel

TRAINING OF PARA-PROFESSIONALS

NEED: Trained para-professionals to perform many aspects of library service with an especial dual need: 1) the inclusion of minority group persons in those trained, and 2) the inclusion of skills in working with minority groups in the training.

OBJECTIVE: A program of training para-professionals at three levels.

INPUT:

DESIGN

The training of persons with less than a graduate library degree to assist in:

public libraries

media centers in schools

academic libraries

special libraries

ACTIVITIES

Assess the University of Rhode Island Extension Division's Library Techniques Certificate Program.

Initiate training courses at the Systems level.

Assist training within local libraries.

Criteria -

Where ethnically isolated and/or disadvantaged are part of the population, emphasis should be placed on effective training for persons with this background.

RIGHT TO READ

The Rhode Island Department of State Library Services has nominated the Providence Public Library as the agency to request a grant from the Office of Education for a community-based Right to Read project. Further planning is dependent on the proposal decision.

PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

Criteria, priorities, and procedures remain unchanged.

See accompanying pages.

Plan Section Number 3.0-3.1

State Rhode Island

Fiscal Year 1968-1969

AMENDMENT

3.0 Public Library construction, Title II

3.1 Criteria, priorities and procedures. List (1) the criteria, (2) the priorities, and (3) the procedures for approval of projects for construction of public library facilities which are designed to insure that facilities will be constructed to serve areas, as determined by the State agency, which are without library facilities necessary to develop library services. Indicate whether the State agency will expend Federal funds (and State and local funds required for matching such Federal funds) for acquisition of existing buildings to be used as a public library; and, if so, set forth the criteria to be followed by the State agency in determining the suitability of such buildings for library purposes and whether such buildings, after their conversion into public libraries will meet the State's standards for providing library services. Include a statement of the period of time within which construction contracts shall be entered into following the State agency's approval of projects:

(1) Criteria:

(a) Library must be legally established as a public library according to State Law, and must have a regular source of operating income.

Library must be eligible for State aid. (Title 29, Ch. 6, G.L. R.I.)

Library shall furnish proofs that the government body providing operating funds has agreed to increase appropriations so that the new building area can be properly operated, and services to be provided can be properly funded.
New construction or expansion of existing facilities must meet the library needs existing in the area and needs projected a reasonable time into the future.

Matching funds must be currently available.

The building must meet approved standards for the library service proposed.

The Department of State Library Services must approve both building plans and site.

The library must present the facts on the following:

1. What is the adequacy of the present library service in the area?

2. If the library service is inadequate, in what specific measure will this proposed construction improve the service?

3. What relationship does this proposed construction have to overall planning for libraries in the area? If there is a Library Council, has this proposal been seen by said Council?

4. How does this library relate its present plan for construction to the future of the community and the future library needs of the area?

(b) ADDITIONAL CRITERIA (FOR GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF EXISTING BUILDINGS)

Federal funds will be expended for the acquisition of an existing building to be used as a public library under the following conditions:

1. That all the criteria in 3.1(1)(a) are met.

2. For all sizes of cities or towns, proof must be offered by the applicants that the existing building is:

   1) Adequate in size according to published standards.

   2) Suitable by way of location, access, design, and basic condition.

   3) Comparable in usefulness, as a library building, for monies expended, to a new building.

   4) That the existing building will meet, after conversion, the State's standards for providing library services.

3. For libraries in cities or towns with a population over 10,000, an existing building may be purchased as a Central Library if:

   1) This action has been recommended in a qualified library survey as a step to serve for at least ten years.

   2) This library has been recommended as a Central Library which is not to function independently, but as a unit of an Area or System Library with which it is legally identified.

Plan Section Number 3.1 continued

State Rhode Island

Fiscal Year 1968-1969

AMENDMENT

3.1 Criteria, priorities and procedures. (Continued)

(2) Priorities:

(a) The development of a regional library center will have priority in the awarding of construction grants. Sec. 29-6-7 General Laws of Rhode Island.

A strong central library will have priority in the awarding of construction grants.

Preference will be given to the addition of public service areas over utility needs; e.g., a story hour room over storage space; a public meeting room over museum space.

(b) PRIORITIES (FOR GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF EXISTING BUILDINGS.)

A library for which this has been recommended by a qualified library survey.

A library where as adequate a site is otherwise not obtainable.

A library where city or town official planning makes this advisable for the foreseeable future.

(3) Procedures for approval of projects:

Libraries will be asked to submit information on proposed building projects. Such information shall show that the library facilities at present are inadequate.

Proposed plans will be reviewed by the Department of State Library Services.

Opportunity will be given for refinement and revision of plans.

Decisions will then be made by the Director of the Department of State Library Services.

The local library must agree to an audit of all expenditures, and final examination of construction, before final payment of federal funds can be made.

Construction contracts shall be entered into within one year after approval of the project by the State agency, unless unforeseen circumstances cause a delay; in which case, the Department will decide the merits of the delay.

TITLE III

INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION*

Two major efforts are supported by this Title.

The interlibrary loan program of the Statewide Library Network.

See Project No. 2

Funding of some of the salaries of the Processing Center.

See Project No. 3

These are both ongoing, high priority projects which serve all types of libraries, and, through community libraries, offer services to every citizen of the State.

* See policy statement in State law quoted on page 99

EVALUATION

Evaluation of the State's Long-Range Program will be based on the CIPP Evaluation Model. The data gathered by the Department, through established methods, and through the introduction of new methods such as in the DELPHI Technique, will be organized, analyzed, reported, and administered to provide a positive basis for decision making. The following four pages represent CIPP evaluation models which will be basic to continuing evaluation.

The advice of the State Advisory Council on Libraries and of the Regional Program Officer will be sought in each successive revision and in the continuing evaluation. Key librarians and lay people throughout the State will also be solicited for advice and information and the response of the several library associations will be sought.

Funds, according to our means, will be provided in each fiscal year for a proper and meaningful evaluation of the State Program, in cooperation with Community Planning-Area Development personnel at the University of Rhode Island. A special budget request will be made for fiscal 1974 for funds for a ten-year evaluation of the total library program; this will permit an in-depth review which would be of value as we plan for the next decade.

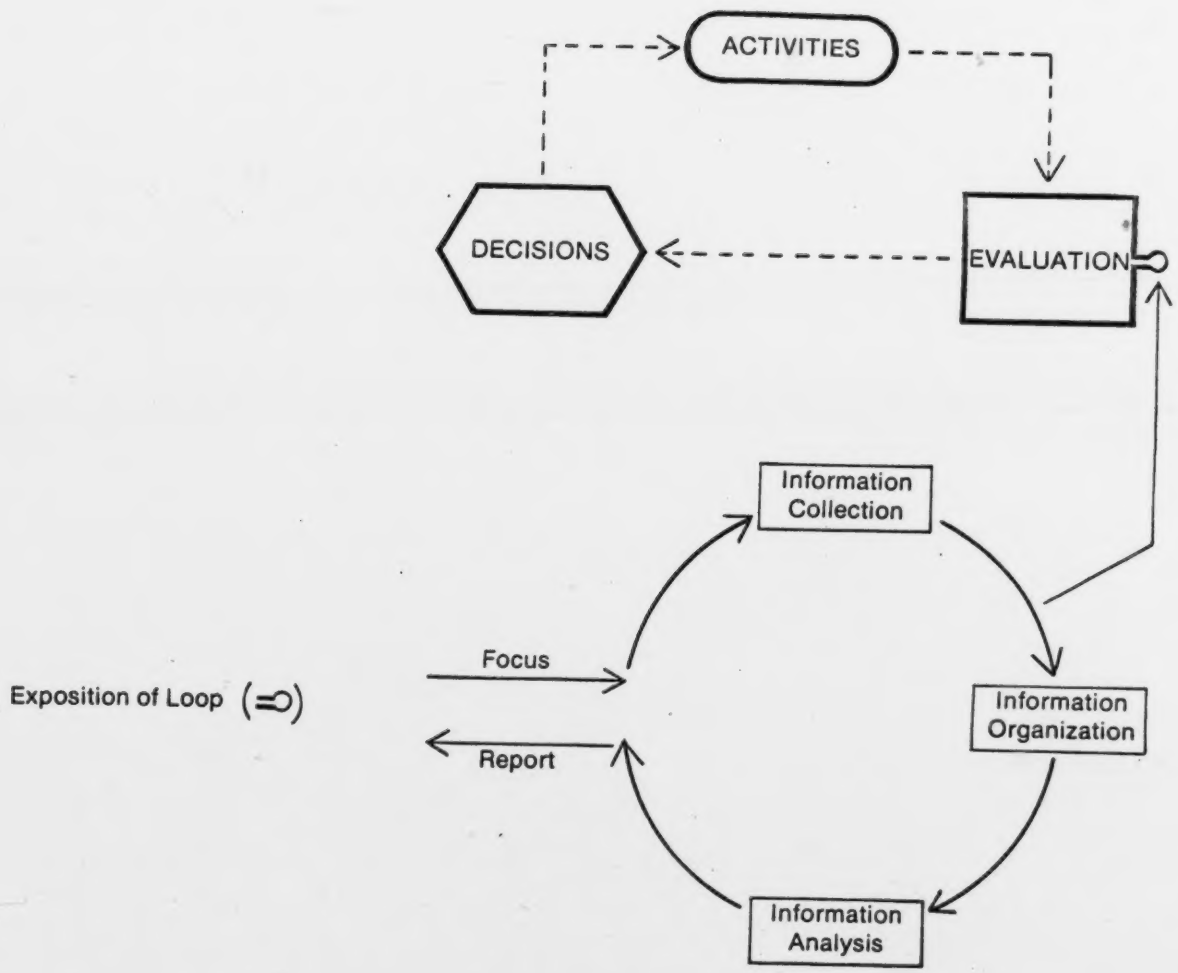

Figure 1: The Relation of Evaluation to Decision-Making

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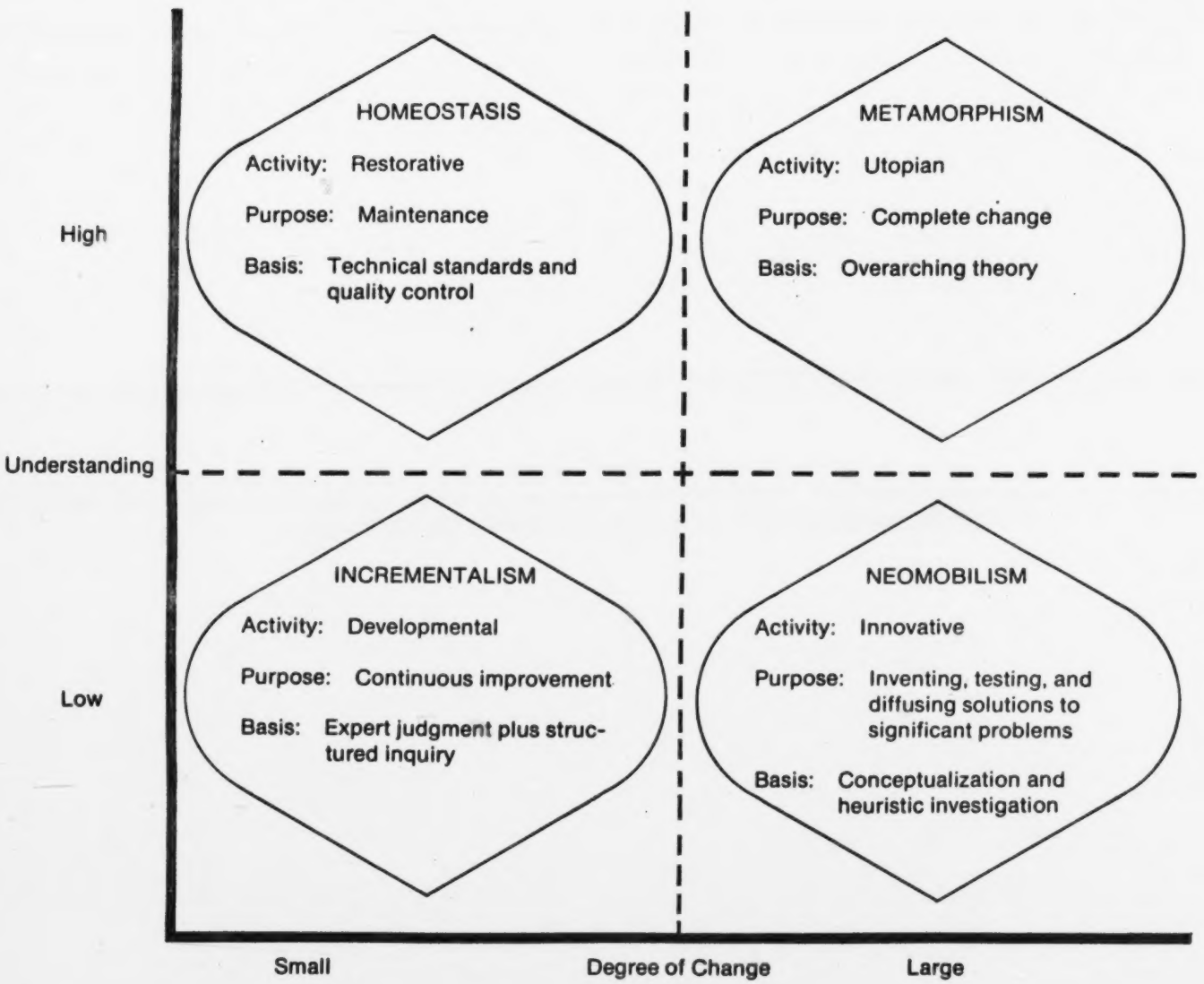

Figure 2: Decision-Making Settings

	Intended	Actual
Ends	PLANNING DECISIONS to determine objectives	RECYCLING DECISIONS to judge and react to attainments
Means	STRUCTURING DECISIONS to design procedures	IMPLEMENTING DECISIONS to utilize, control and refine procedures

Figure 3: Types of Decisions

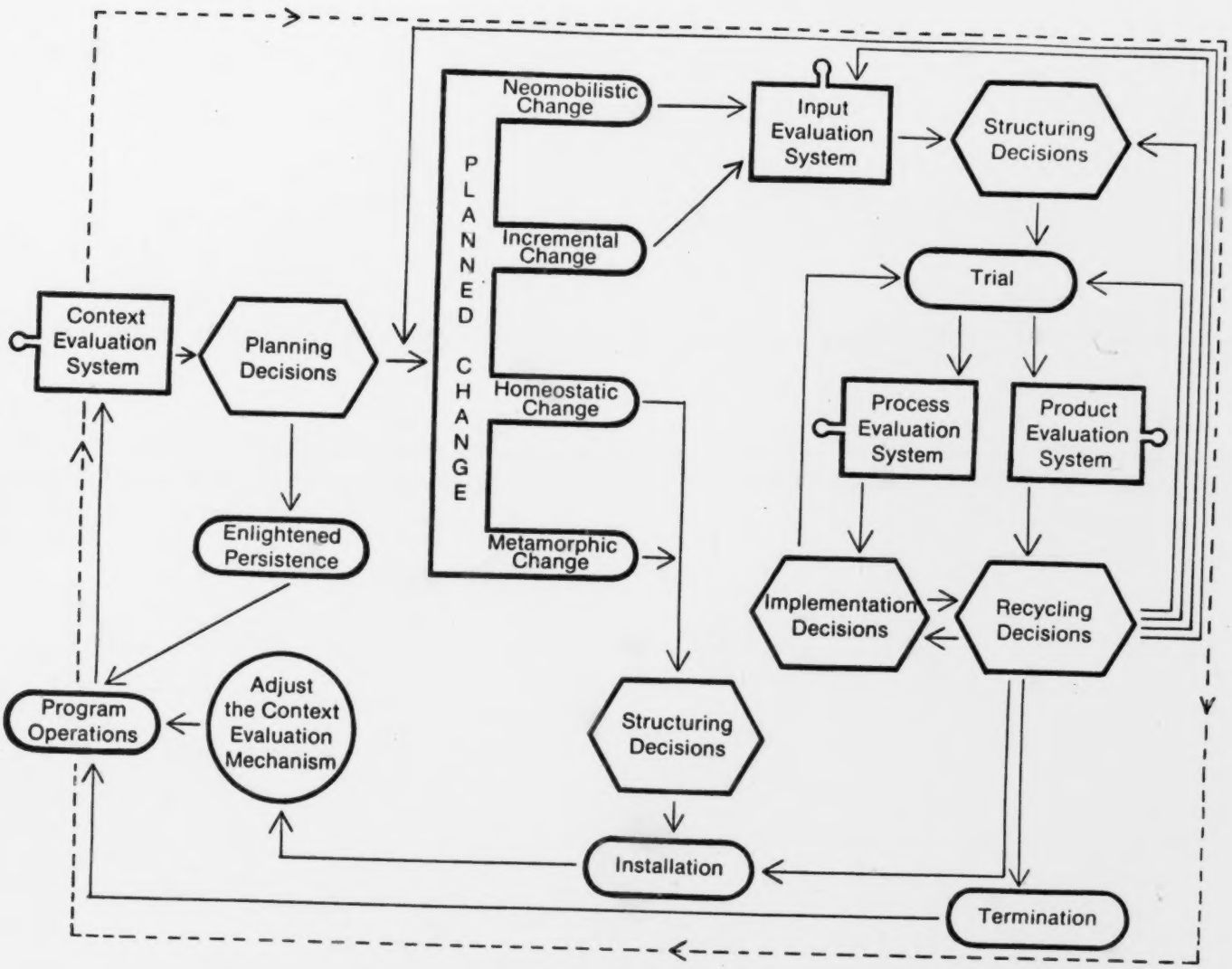

Figure 5: The CIPP Evaluation Model

ANNUAL REVIEW AND DISSEMINATION

Complying with the terms of the Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder, the Long-Range Program shall be made public. The Long-Range Program shall be annually reviewed and revised in accordance with changing needs of assistance under this Act as identified by continuing evaluation. Such annual revisions shall be incorporated as a part of the annual program for each fiscal year.

The priorities, the criteria, and the procedures in both the Long-Range Program and the Annual Program shall be disseminated to appropriate individuals and agencies. The entire document will be available to any citizen wishing access to it.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF STATE LIBRARY SERVICES

THE RHODE ISLAND BASIC STATE PLAN
(STATE-FEDERAL AGREEMENT)

1971-72 FISCAL YEAR

LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT, AS AMENDED BY P.L. 91-600

JANUARY 1972

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND & PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
PROVIDENCE

FRANK LICHT
GOVERNOR

May 26, 1971

Miss Elizabeth G. Myer, Director
Department of State Library Services
95 Davis Street
Providence, R. I. 02903

Dear Miss Myer:

The Basic State Plan for Library Programs under the Library Services and Construction Act, as amended, has been reviewed in accordance with the requirements of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-95, Part III.

I am pleased to inform you that the plan conforms to the State's objectives in providing library services. It does not conflict with other state plans or programs. I fully support this plan and urge that it be accepted by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Sincerely,

Frank Licht
GOVERNOR

COVER SHEET

[XX] State Plan for Library Programs under Library Services and Construction Act, as amended.

[ ] Amendment to State Plan for Library Programs under Library Services and Construction Act, as amended.

Submitted by the State of Rhode Island in accordance with the provisions of the Library Services and Construction Act, as amended, and the Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Submitted by Department of State Library Services
(Name of State Agency)

on May 12, 1971.
(Date)

By Elizabeth G. Myer
(Authorized Official)

Director
(Title)

To be completed by the Office of Education:

Date on which plan or amendment is effective: July 1, 1971

Approval recommended William T. Logan — Regional Commissioner — Jun 14 1971 — Date

Concurred — Associate Commissioner, BLET (Acting) — 8-6-71 — Date

Concurred — Deputy Commissioner for Higher Education — Date

Approved Peter B. Muirhead — U.S. Commissioner of Education — 13 AUG 1971 — Date

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
OFFICE OF EDUCATION

BASIC STATE PLAN
(State-Federal Agreement)

LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT, AS AMENDED BY P.L. 91-600

The Department of State Library Services
(Officially Designated State Library Administrative Agency)
of the State of Rhode Island, hereinafter called the State Agency, hereby agrees and assures that this Basic State Plan which serves as an agreement between State and Federal Governments under the Library Services and Construction Act, as amended, for which Federal funds are being requested for the fiscal year ending June 30, 19 72, will be administered in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The State Agency:

   a. assures that it will administer, or supervise the administration of, the programs authorized by the Act; and has adequate fiscal and legal authority to do so. (See appended Certificate of Legal Authority.)

   b. assures that it has provided for such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will assure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to the State under the Act (including any funds paid by the State to any other public or private nonprofit agency under this Basic State Plan).

   c. assures that it will submit to the Office of Education, and otherwise make public (1) the State's long-range program on or before June 30, 1972, and (2) the State's annual program on or before July 1 of each fiscal year.

Both programs will be developed in consultation with the Office of Education, and with the advice of the State Advisory Council on Libraries.

d. assures that any funds paid to the State in accordance with a long-range program and an annual program shall be expended solely for the purposes for which funds have been authorized and appropriated.

e. assures that it will make such reports, including reports of evaluations, in such form and containing such information as the Commissioner may reasonably require to carry out his functions under the Act, and to determine the extent to which funds provided under the Act have been effective in carrying out its purposes.

f. assures that it will keep such records and afford such access thereto as the Commissioner may find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of all reports submitted to him.

g. assures that it will establish and specify in the State's long-range program its policies, priorities, criteria and procedures necessary to the implementation of all programs in which the State will participate under the provisions of the Act, which are incorporated by reference herein.

h. assures that it will set forth in the State's long-range program its policies and procedures for the coordination of programs and projects supported under this Act with library programs and projects operated by institutions of higher education or local elementary or secondary schools, with other public or private library services programs, and with other related service programs.

i. assures that it has established a State Advisory Council on Libraries as required by the provisions of the Act and §130.8 of the regulations. (See attached certification.)

j. assures that it has available for expenditure under Title I of the Act in this fiscal year (FY 19 72).

A. From State and local sources:

1. Sums sufficient to earn its basic minimum allotment.

2. Not less than the total amount actually expended, in areas covered by the programs for such year, for the purposes of such programs from such sources in the second preceding fiscal year (FY 19 70).

B. From State sources:

1. Not less than the total State amount actually expended for such programs from such sources in the second preceding fiscal year (FY 19 70).

k. assures that it will expend in this fiscal year (FY 19 72) from Federal, State, and local sources, an amount not less than the amount expended by the State from such sources for State institutional library services, and library services to the physically handicapped during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971.

2. The State Agency herewith sets forth (a) criteria to be used in determining the adequacy of public library services to geographical areas, and for groups of persons in the States, including criteria designed to assure that priority will be given to programs or projects which serve urban and rural areas with high concentration of low-income families. (See attached statement of Criteria.)

3. This Basic State Plan has been submitted to the Governor for his review; and his comments, or a statement that no comments have been made, is attached. Any amendment to this Plan, as well as projections required under the program, will also be submitted for the Governor's review; and comments, if any, will accompany the amendments or other required program material when they are submitted to the U.S. Office of Education.

4. The State Agency will make public the Basic State Plan as approved by the Commissioner.

5. The State Agency assures that it will otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education issued thereunder (45 CFR Part 130).

6. Assurance is hereby given that in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and the regulations issued thereunder by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (45 CFR Part 80), no individual shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Plan. The State Agency has established and will maintain methods of administration to assure that each program or activity for which it receives Federal financial assistance will be operated in accordance with the preceding paragraph of this statement. The State Agency will amend its methods of administration from time to time as necessary to carry out the purposes for which this statement is given.

The State Agency recognizes and agrees that Federal financial assistance will be extended in consideration of, and in reliance on, the representations and agreements made in this statement; and that the United States shall have the right to seek administrative and judicial enforcement thereof.

Department of State Library Services
State Library Administrative Agency

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95 Davis Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903
Address

Signature of Authorized State Agency Official

Director
Title

May 12, 1971
Date

Certificate of Appropriate State Legal Officer

I hereby certify that Department of State Library Services, Rhode Island
Name of State Agency Name of State

is the sole State agency with authority under State law to develop, submit and administer, or supervise the administration of, the State plan under the Library Services and Construction Act, as amended by P.L. 91-600; that Elizabeth G. Myer
Name of authorized State Agency Official

is the Officer authorized to submit the State plan for the named State agency; that the State Treasurer or
Title of Officer other

than State Treasurer has authority under State law to receive, hold and disburse Federal funds under the State plan; and that all provisions contained in the plan are consistent with State law.

Signature, Attorney General or Other State Legal Officer

Title

May 10 1971
Date

STATE PLAN

Criteria

1. Adequacy of library service

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

No public library in Rhode Island fully meets national standards for library service.

See: Minimum Standards for Public Library Systems, 1966.
Prepared by the Standards Committee and Subcommittees of the Public Library Association, American Library Association. Adopted July 13, 1966 by the Members of the Public Library Association.
American Library Association, Chicago, 1967.

No public library is reaching its total community in the measure that can be achieved with further effort.

See: Standards for Public Libraries.
Prepared by Standards Committee of the Rhode Island Library Association, 1965. Adopted by Rhode Island Library Association May 6, 1965.

Goals include working toward State standards for: personnel, books and related materials, hours, library trustees, budget.

See: Semi-annual and Annual Reports on file with the Department of State Library Services.

INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARIES

No library for the residents of any State institution is adequate according to national standards. In most cases, both personnel and materials need upgrading.

See: Hospital Libraries: Objectives and Standards.
Published for the Joint Committee on Standards for Hospital Libraries by the Hospital Libraries Division, American Library Association, 1953.
Reprinted by The Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois, 1968.

Standards for Library Services in Health Care Institutions.
Hospital Library Standards Committee Association of Hospital and Institution Libraries, American Library Association, Chicago, 1970.

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REGIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Staff, materials, and area are inadequate according to national standards which presently do not include library services to the physically handicapped who have no visual problems.

See: Standards for Library Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped. Adopted July 14, 1966, by the Library Administration Division, American Library Association, Chicago, 1967.

2. Services in each System will be rated against the special needs of those in urban and rural areas with a high concentration of low income families and a profile of economic, social, and educational deficiencies.

The Department of State Library Services considers the library program for Rhode Island a total statewide program.

As outlined in the accompanying sheet of the Program for fiscal 1972, it is deemed useful for the specific areas in each Interrelated Library System where there is economic, ethnic, or other causes for a low level of income and educational opportunity to be pinpointed by that System. (See p. 4)

Sources to determine the areas of need for those who are disadvantaged:

From the Rhode Island Department of Community Affairs, from the Rhode Island Board of Regents, from the Rhode Island Department of Health, from 1970 Census data now being released, and from Community Action program data, information will be compiled, including for each System, a profile on the following factors -

ECONOMIC

Personal Income

Family Income

Payrolls by Industry

Retail Trade Levels

Characteristics of the Labor Force

Unemployment Levels

Local Government Expenditures

SOCIAL

Community Facilities

Health Care

Housing

EDUCATIONAL

Local Public Expenditures for Education

Median School Years Completed

Functional Illiteracy

(cont'd.)

EDUCATIONAL (cont'd.)

School Library Development

Access to Academic Library Resources

Some examples of groups to be pinpointed:

Ethnic older persons, e.g., Ukrainian
Cape Verdian Black Portuguese
Children from French speaking cultures
Blue collar workers with functional illiteracy

Part of these are relatively small in numbers; many such groups are recorded only partially by State and Federal census listings; the updating of information will have to be a local System effort. These profiles, which can be compiled only by local System sources since printed data and data on file must be sought on a town by town basis, will be updated every 3 to 5 years as statistics are available.

Those areas of low income and low opportunity, rural and urban, can then be given the special attention needed to give them equal access to library services by the Systems.

While the grass-roots endeavor stated in the policy is being implemented, libraries will continue their efforts to serve the disadvantaged, emphasizing areas in:

South Providence and Camp Street Area - Providence Interrelated Library System
Woonsocket - Northern Interrelated Library System
Cranston - Western Interrelated Library System
Newport - Island Interrelated Library System
South Kingstown and Richmond - South County Interrelated Library System

PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1

Strengthen the total library program in each System to accommodate the emphasis of need in PRIORITY 2, and as reflected in the Policy Statement accompanying our Program for Fiscal 1972, within the framework of service to all citizens.

PRIORITY 2

Initiate the seeking out of library needs, and the fulfillment of same, in those sectors of each System which show a high profile of economic, social, and educational deficiencies. Rural and urban areas are included.

PRIORITY 3

Encourage special projects which are responsive to national or regional needs as determined at those levels. Innovative programs and programs which are coordinated with other State and Federal efforts will be promoted.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF STATE LIBRARY SERVICES

PROGRAM - POLICY STATEMENT

Overall New Component to the Statewide Library Program
Working Toward the Long Range Development of Total Library Services

Fiscal 1972

(As approved by the State Advisory Council and with the cooperation of the key personnel of the five Interrelated Library Systems.)

1. Although the SMSA which covers part of Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts takes in a great part of the State population, it leaves out portions of the western and southern parts of Rhode Island.

2. The Rhode Island Community Action Agencies map also leaves out large sectors of the State.

3. The Department is aware of low income and economically poor areas in other than the "mapped areas" or "delineated areas"* - examples, the former mill area of Richmond and the rural slum area at Sand Turn Road in South Kingstown.

4. Therefore, it is the policy of this Department to consider the poverty pockets in each part of the State as areas of the disadvantaged which ought to be served through libraries.

5. Each Library Center will be asked to identify particular areas of need, rural and urban, and to concentrate efforts to assist especially the people in these sectors.

6. The total Statewide goal of fiscal 1972 will be to identify areas of need and the REACHING OUT to these areas in each Interrelated Library System with service.

7. A continuing Statewide goal will be two-fold:

   Phase 1
   Bringing library service to these economically and otherwise disadvantaged persons by new and innovative programs.

   Phase 2
   The registration of 10% to 25% of new readers, with a follow-up regarding their use of library service, and with emphasis on those least likely to use libraries because of the disadvantages identified above.

*e.g. as in: Qualified Areas...Criteria and Data
under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965
Public Law 89-136
A United States Department of Commerce Publication, December 1970.

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1970 POPULATION BY SYSTEM

SYSTEM	CITY OR TOWN	POPULATION
ISLAND	BARRINGTON	17,554
	BRISTOL	17,860
	JAMESTOWN	2,911
	LITTLE COMPTON	2,385
	MIDDLETOWN	29,290
	NEWPORT	34,562
	PORTSMOUTH	12,251
	TIVERTON	12,559
	WARREN	10,523
	TOTAL	140,165
SOUTH COUNTY	WESTERLY	17,248
	CHARLESTOWN	2,863
	EXETER	3,245
	HOPKINTON	5,392
	NARRAGANSETT	7,138
	NEW SHOREHAM	489
	NORTH KINGSTOWN	29,793
	RICHMOND	2,625
	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	16,913
	TOTAL	85,706
WESTERN	WARWICK	83,694
	COVENTRY	22,947
	CRANSTON	74,287
	EAST GREENWICH	9,577
	FOSTER	2,626
	SCITUATE	7,489
	WEST GREENWICH	1,841
	WEST WARWICK	24,323
	TOTAL	226,748
NORTHERN	BURRILLVILLE	10,087
	CENTRAL FALLS	18,716
	CUMBERLAND	26,605
	EAST PROVIDENCE	48,207
	GLOCESTER	5,160
	JOHNSTON	22,037
	LINCOLN	16,182
	NORTH PROVIDENCE	24,337
	NORTH SMITHFIELD	9,349
	SMITHFIELD	13,468
	WOONSOCKET	46,820
	PAWTUCKET	76,984
	TOTAL	317,952
PROVIDENCE	PROVIDENCE	179,116
TOTAL STATE		949,723

TABLE 35.
ALIENS WHO REPORTED UNDER THE ALIEN ADDRESS PROGRAM
BY SELECTED NATIONALITIES AND STATE OF RESIDENCE
DURING 1971

State of residence	Grand Total	Total permanent residents	Mexico	Canada	United Kingdom	Cuba	Italy	Germany	Philippines	Poland	Portugal	China & Taiwan	Greece	Jamaica	Japan	Dominican Republic	Colombia	Yugoslavia	All other permanent residents	Other than permanent residents
Total	4,227,219	3,679,502	735,018	354,319	265,613	295,272	234,225	199,843	117,274	105,893	90,117	84,572	69,124	63,049	58,427	52,444	49,629	44,712	559,918	547,717
Alabama	6,164	4,958	108	514	909	174	75	947	106	27	21	145	115	22	142	6	50	17	1,590	1,206
Alaska	3,915	3,179	133	1,045	254	7	15	405	191	14	3	89	21	7	102	-	27	25	841	736
Arizona	51,608	47,352	34,662	4,007	1,838	91	183	1,179	630	93	14	728	115	32	275	5	60	99	3,541	4,256
Arkansas	2,875	2,361	112	248	376	40	54	451	87	31	2	90	18	2	99	2	8	10	731	514
California	996,107	930,074	387,155	81,215	63,855	23,199	13,402	31,825	46,524	2,664	18,633	35,707	4,406	1,400	24,614	503	7,895	4,471	182,866	66,033
Colorado	23,015	19,416	3,228	2,484	2,240	328	536	3,292	242	318	12	341	327	-	584	6	89	209	5,180	3,599
Connecticut	107,776	96,795	174	14,911	9,086	1,998	18,965	3,785	578	10,898	6,075	542	2,922	4,931	230	134	982	505	20,078	10,981
Delaware	5,493	4,775	27	519	913	227	355	476	181	274	25	170	131	88	68	3	37	37	1,244	718
District of Columbia	17,603	12,452	249	388	1,197	303	322	387	512	49	87	790	372	1,140	103	191	258	44	6,060	5,151
Florida	314,596	221,600	2,601	23,010	12,653	138,266	1,565	5,773	862	748	245	640	837	3,076	742	937	5,234	216	24,195	92,996
Georgia	17,729	13,948	195	1,415	2,637	1,336	137	2,831	245	47	28	284	255	91	334	17	194	16	3,886	3,781
Hawaii	57,187	50,702	140	1,429	1,499	22	42	709	27,215	5	123	1,933	25	15	13,020	4	21	14	4,486	6,485
Idaho	5,172	4,435	1,100	978	400	6	40	353	61	11	1	98	43	1	130	-	15	17	1,121	737
Illinois	253,737	228,233	47,768	9,921	11,265	14,834	16,812	19,105	6,948	21,593	83	3,819	10,111	1,593	1,759	405	2,838	7,934	51,425	29,504
Indiana	30,453	25,389	4,369	2,641	2,877	796	433	2,749	672	995	24	501	1,184	100	327	33	137	1,540	5,991	5,064
Iowa	11,257	8,105	738	1,253	934	199	175	1,175	278	89	3	199	97	6	108	1	42	63	2,745	3,152
Kansas	11,984	9,140	2,284	891	968	367	72	1,371	210	70	10	271	44	22	212	7	58	188	2,095	2,844
Kentucky	7,484	5,961	83	708	845	233	131	1,518	249	68	3	104	64	30	142	4	91	34	1,654	1,523
Louisiana	23,744	17,893	888	1,037	1,882	2,131	674	1,260	258	69	17	340	148	34	202	30	454	72	8,377	5,851
Maine	19,392	16,228	36	11,933	1,309	23	160	598	92	56	24	60	103	8	74	1	16	6	1,727	3,164
Maryland	53,122	42,471	441	3,201	5,427	1,714	2,292	4,382	1,607	1,306	163	1,172	2,120	701	695	61	504	138	16,547	10,651
Massachusetts	172,793	157,780	127	31,741	13,037	4,015	15,828	4,185	663	5,710	36,689	1,937	7,787	2,009	559	800	939	242	30,463	15,013
Michigan	142,901	125,662	5,730	35,777	13,014	1,628	7,770	9,286	1,467	9,492	38	1,528	2,885	670	693	71	343	4,023	31,246	17,239
Minnesota	22,748	18,276	655	4,402	1,761	292	190	2,038	433	483	7	527	210	50	250	5	99	199	6,610	4,472
Mississippi	4,053	3,002	64	266	604	47	72	485	112	15	14	247	42	7	92	5	25	5	900	1,051
Missouri	23,111	18,007	1,360	1,672	2,231	506	1,268	2,652	605	565	16	558	438	58	351	18	201	469	5,029	5,104
Montana	4,037	3,350	204	1,266	360	12	55	328	70	64	1	27	59	1	59	-	2	44	798	687
Nebraska	7,217	5,823	977	572	627	199	149	854	144	101	10	89	111	8	128	2	44	51	1,757	1,394
Nevada	10,241	9,084	1,713	1,576	1,100	621	185	696	285	36	53	257	105	9	218	1	80	65	2,084	1,157
New Hampshire	14,059	13,714	41	8,252	1,108	72	121	525	113	471	142	130	732	26	91	24	45	12	1,809	345
New Jersey	249,345	202,132	519	8,551	15,489	31,799	27,305	18,780	2,534	12,154	8,336	2,148	5,431	2,936	664	2,593	5,593	3,138	54,142	47,213
New Mexico	19,375	14,130	10,367	622	681	144	71	601	158	17	6	111	66	9	138	3	26	23	1,087	1,245
New York	723,075	634,496	3,009	33,104	53,762	36,721	94,600	26,450	6,519	21,777	5,527	17,420	15,275	41,151	2,654	33,146	17,503	9,777	216,101	88,579
North Carolina	15,047	11,875	176	1,419	1,922	581	163	2,023	225	37	20	320	755	54	574	21	88	27	3,470	3,172
North Dakota	2,765	2,218	41	768	258	5	12	276	108	24	3	22	13	1	50	-	12	1	624	548
Ohio	97,397	86,908	1,639	8,753	8,815	1,153	7,424	9,488	1,799	4,221	64	1,334	3,455	618	822	85	311	6,067	30,830	10,489
Oklahoma	9,161	7,117	926	773	1,037	145	81	1,418	128	41	10	220	62	12	275	3	58	9	1,919	2,044
Oregon	26,014	22,122	1,623	6,561	2,335	488	257	1,810	459	114	40	1,235	232	22	610	12	27	244	6,058	3,892
Pennsylvania	105,214	90,283	549	5,728	11,092	1,498	14,791	6,240	1,485	6,524	1,204	2,087	4,398	1,323	744	99	794	1,809	29,921	14,931
Rhode Island	27,100	24,700	33	2,272	1,420	225	2,892	512	215	655	12,037	357	348	48	109	49	313	21	3,174	2,400
South Carolina	7,270	6,049	60	809	1,304	223	70	1,056	245	20	5	120	264	15	212	6	53	24	1,563	1,221
South Dakota	1,792	1,361	34	258	196	19	15	167	46	18	1	55	21	-	52	-	6	10	463	431
Tennessee	9,027	6,504	114	1,050	1,089	244	108	1,034	177	36	10	259	107	18	186	10	70	18	1,974	2,523
Texas	269,261	254,378	210,980	4,767	6,662	2,907	655	6,202	1,152	330	92	1,807	594	174	1,044	52	920	135	15,915	14,883
Utah	11,654	9,394	760	1,456	1,461	14	178	1,503	80	14	4	298	270	5	386	3	17	46	2,879	2,260
Vermont	8,077	7,379	19	5,043	589	13	115	293	21	129	3	41	26	5	38	8	3	9	1,024	698
Virginia	31,421	25,619	310	2,440	4,338	1,316	557	3,224	1,137	166	86	674	653	163	615	59	458	105	9,308	5,802
Washington	59,533	53,071	3,607	17,058	6,497	326	808	4,410	2,957	349	49	1,877	457	50	2,237	8	72	395	11,844	6,462
West Virginia	5,801	4,635	56	355	500	50	618	451	266	255	9	117	165	7	73	10	42	125	1,539	1,166
Wisconsin	33,026	27,904	1,978	2,526	2,480	328	1,204	6,124	493	1,630	15	565	565	169	292	7	187	1,987	7,354	5,122
Wyoming	2,172	1,689	412	262	221	-	31	164	19	12	5	-	51	-	55	-	2	26	429	483
U.S. terr. & poss.:																				
Guam	13,944	7,572	5	44	106	2	11	44	5,543	-	2	70	4	-	147	-	1	-	1,593	6,372
Puerto Rico	58,936	47,293	409	318	460	23,316	149	841	45	8	22	53	11	35	31	12,789	1,252	4	7,550	11,643
Virgin Islands	19,238	10,508	8	110	6,663	89	11	111	17	-	2	9	3	137	6	205	23	-	3,114	8,730

from: 1971 Annual Report Immigration and Naturalization Service

R.I. DSLS - 1972

RACE (by System)

SYSTEM	CITY OR TOWN	WHITE	NEGRO	OTHER	% NEGRO OR OTHER
ISLAND	BARRINGTON	17,434	59	61	.7 %
	BRISTOL	17,779	27	54	.5
	JAMESTOWN	2,871	25	15	1.4
	LITTLE COMPTON	2,378	5	2	.3
	MIDDLETOWN	27,197	1,394	699	7.2
	NEWPORT	31,317	2,523	722	9.4
	PORTSMOUTH	12,369	82	70	1.3
	TIVERTON	12,516	15	28	.4
	WARREN	10,486	24	13	.4
	TOTAL	134,347	4,154	1,664	4.1
SOUTH COUNTY	WESTERLY	17,025	90	133	1.3
	CHARLESTOWN	2,768	34	61	3.4
	EXETER	3,167	55	23	2.5
	HOPKINTON	5,339	14	39	1.0
	NARRAGANSETT	6,950	83	105	2.7
	NEW SHOREHAM	485	2	2	.9
	NORTH KINGSTOWN	28,290	875	628	5.1
	RICHMOND	2,602	8	15	.9
	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	16,051	451	411	5.1
	TOTAL	82,677	1,612	1,417	3.5
WESTERN	WARWICK	83,167	326	201	.7
	COVENTRY	22,836	70	41	5.5
	CRANSTON	73,525	590	172	1.1
	EAST GREENWICH	9,508	42	27	.8
	FOSTER	2,614	10	2	.5
	SCITUATE	7,456	16	17	.5
	WEST GREENWICH	1,834	4	3	.4
	WEST WARWICK	24,252	26	45	.3
	TOTAL	225,192	1,084	508	.7
NORTHERN	PAWTUCKET	76,305	403	276	.9
	BURRILLVILLE	10,063	4	20	.3
	CENTRAL FALLS	18,598	72	46	.7
	CUMBERLAND	26,549	16	40	.3
	EAST PROVIDENCE	46,525	1,343	339	3.5
	GLOCESTER	5,145	7	8	.3
	JOHNSTON	21,982	29	26	.3
	LINCOLN	16,125	22	35	.4
	NORTH PROVIDENCE	24,183	80	74	.7
	NORTH SMITHFIELD	9,309	20	20	.5
	SMITHFIELD	13,435	8	25	.3
	WOONSOCKET	46,079	609	132	1.6
	TOTAL	314,298	2,613	1,041	1.1
PROVIDENCE	PROVIDENCE	161,241	15,875	2,000	10.0
TOTALS		917,755	25,338	6,630	3.3

1970 Federal Census

INCOME "CUTOFF" INDICATING POVERTY - RHODE ISLAND 1972

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IN FAMILY	NON-FARM	FARM
1	$1,900	$1,600
2	2,500	2,000
3	3,100	2,500
4	3,800	3,200
5	4,400	3,700
6	5,000	4,200
7	5,600	4,700
More than 7	+ 600 each	+ 500 each

Source: R.I. Department of Community Affairs

PER CENT OF HOUSEHOLDS NEEDING LOW INCOME HOUSING 2/72

SYSTEM	CITY OR TOWN	# OF HOUSEHOLDS	# LOW INCOME UNITS NEEDED	% OF HOUSEHOLDS NEEDING LOW INCOME HOUSING
PROVIDENCE	PROVIDENCE	63,148	4,305	6.8%
NORTHERN	PAWTUCKET	26,687	1,535	5.7
	CENTRAL FALLS	6,489	595	9.1
	EAST PROVIDENCE	15,144	425	2.8
	TOTAL	48,320	2,555	
WESTERN	CRANSTON	22,055	620	2.8
	WARWICK	24,927	425	1.7
	TOTAL	46,982	1,045	
ISLAND	NEWPORT	10,358	965	9.3
	MIDDLETOWN	4,651	480	10.3
	TOTAL	15,009	1,445	
SOUTH COUNTY	NORTH KINGSTOWN	6,096	505	8.2

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Source: R.I. Department of Community Affairs

TABLE 12

EXCERPT FROM ANNUAL REPORT BY THE NAVY IN THE RHODE ISLAND AREA 1971

	OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN
NEWPORT MIDDLETOWN		
Naval Base, Newport	17	9
Naval Station, Newport	41	548
Naval War College, Newport	132	93
Naval Supply Center, Newport	17	6
Naval Public Works, Newport	10	2
Marine Barracks, Newport	5	159
Navy Finance Office, Newport	2	8
Naval Communication Cen.,Newport	22	171
Fleet Training Center, Newport	25	170
Naval Hospital, Newport	121	261
Naval Dental Clinic, Newport	26	42
Naval Justice School, Newport	19	9
Naval Officer Training, Newport	160	231
Naval Underwater System, Newport	20	47
Naval Destroyer School, Newport	27	81
Service Sq. 2, Newport	147	2,720
Atlantic Fleet Combat, Newport	1	20
Mobile Tech. Unit 8, Newport	1	34
Fleet Support Office	1	
Cruiser-Destroyer Force, Newport	861	12,269
ISLAND SYSTEM (13% of the population)	1,655	16,880
NORTH KINGSTOWN		
Com. Fleet Air, Quonset	718	5,470
Naval Air Station, Quonset	81	786
Fleet Weather Fac., Quonset	7	20
Naval Air Rework, Quonset	10	48
Naval Hospital, Quonset	40	66
Naval Comm. Store, Quonset	3	41
Marine Barracks, Quonset	5	101
CB Center, Davisville	190	3,031
Naval School Constr., Davisville	7	110
SOUTH COUNTY SYSTEM (13% of the population)	1,061	9,673
PROVIDENCE		
Navy ROTC, Brown	2	2
Navy & Marine Tng., Providence	2	39
PROVIDENCE SYSTEM	4	41
TOTAL NAVAL PERSONNEL IN STATE	2,720	26,594

EXPENDITURES PER PUPIL BY STATES 69/70

STATE	HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE
ALABAMA	$ 581	$ 344	$ 463
ALASKA	1,810	480	1,330
ARIZONA	2,223	436	775
ARKANSAS	664	343	549
CALIFORNIA	2,414	569	753
COLORADO	2,801	444	735
CONNECTICUT	1,311	499	915
DELAWARE	1,081	633	891
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	-	-	971
FLORIDA	1,036	593	717
GEORGIA	736	365	589
HAWAII	-	-	984
IDAHO	1,763	474	595
ILLINOIS	2,295	391	872
INDIANA	965	447	675
IOWA	1,167	592	955
KANSAS	1,831	454	731
KENTUCKY	885	358	580
LOUISIANA	892	499	749
MAINE	1,555	229	723
MARYLAND	1,037	635	893
MASSACHUSETTS	1,281	515	691
MICHIGAN	1,364	491	858
MINNESOTA	903	370	818
MISSISSIPPI	825	283	495
MISSOURI	1,699	213	720
MONTANA	1,716	539	802
NEBRASKA	1,175	623	653
NEVADA	1,679	746	753
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1,191	311	687
NEW JERSEY	1,485	400	1,016
NEW MEXICO	1,183	477	690
NEW YORK	1,889	669	1,245
NORTH CAROLINA	733	467	607
NORTH DAKOTA	1,623	686	665
OHIO	1,685		729
OKLAHOMA	2,566	342	560
OREGON	1,439	399	875
PENNSYLVANIA	1,401	484	892
RHODE ISLAND	1,206	531	885
SOUTH CAROLINA	610	397	615
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,741	350	667
TENNESSEE	766	315	561
TEXAS	5,334	264	608
UTAH	1,515	533	611
VERMONT	1,517	357	1,034
VIRGINIA	1,126	441	753
WASHINGTON	3,405	434	873
WEST VIRGINIA	722	502	646
WISCONSIN	1,432	344	941
WYOMING	14,554	618	884

Source: Senate Select Committee on Equal Educational Opportunity.

MEDIAN YEARS OF SCHOOL COMPLETED - 1940 TO 1960, BY STATES

YEAR OR AREA		TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	WHITE	NEGRO & OTHER
1940		8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	5.8
1950		9.3	9.0	9.6	9.7	6.8
1960		10.6	10.3	10.9	10.9	8.2
N.E.	MAINE	11.0	10.5	11.5	11.0	10.7
	NEW SHAMPSHIRE	10.9	10.5	11.3	10.9	11.7
	VERMONT	10.9	10.0	11.6	10.9	10.5
	MASSACHUSETTS	11.6	11.3	11.8	11.6	10.3
	RHODE ISLAND	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.5
	CONNECTICUT	11.0	10.8	11.3	11.1	9.1
M.A.	NEW YORK	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.8	9.4
	NEW JERSEY	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.8	8.8
	PENNSYLVANIA	10.2	10.0	10.4	10.3	8.9
E.N.C.	OHIO	10.9	10.6	11.1	11.0	9.1
	INDIANA	10.8	10.5	11.0	10.9	9.0
	ILLINOIS	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.7	9.0
	MICHIGAN	10.8	10.4	11.1	11.0	9.1
	WISCONSIN	10.4	9.8	10.9	10.4	9.0
W.N.C.	MINNESOTA	10.8	9.9	11.6	10.8	9.9
	IOWA	11.3	10.4	12.0	11.3	9.5
	MISSOURI	9.6	9.3	9.9	9.8	8.7
	NORTH DAKOTA	9.3	8.9	10.8	9.3	8.4
	SOUTH DAKOTA	10.4	9.0	11.6	10.5	8.6
	NEBRASKA	11.6	10.9	12.0	11.7	9.6
	KANSAS	11.7	11.2	12.0	11.8	9.6
S.A.	DELAWARE	11.1	10.8	11.3	11.6	8.4
	MARYLAND	10.4	10.2	10.6	11.0	8.1
	D.C.	11.7	11.3	11.9	12.4	9.8
	VIRGINIA	9.9	9.2	10.5	10.8	7.2
	WEST VIRGINIA	8.8	8.7	8.9	8.8	8.4
	NORTH CAROLINA	8.9	8.5	9.5	9.8	7.0
	SOUTH CAROLINA	8.7	8.4	9.1	10.3	5.9
	GEORGIA	9.0	8.8	9.3	10.3	6.1
	FLORIDA	10.9	10.6	11.1	11.6	7.0
E.S.C.	KENTUCKY	8.7	8.5	8.8	8.7	8.2
	TENNESSEE	8.8	8.6	9.0	9.0	7.5
	ALABAMA	9.1	8.9	9.3	10.2	6.5
	MISSISSIPPI	8.9	8.6	9.3	11.0	6.0
W.S.C.	ARKANSAS	8.9	8.7	9.1	9.5	6.5
	LOUISIANA	8.8	8.6	9.0	10.5	6.0
	OKLAHOMA	10.4	10.1	10.7	10.7	8.6
	TEXAS	10.4	10.1	10.7	10.8	8.1
Mt.	MONTANA	11.6	10.7	12.1	11.7	8.7
	IDAHO	11.8	11.2	12.1	11.8	9.6
	WYOMING	12.1	11.6	12.2	12.1	9.3
	COLORADO	12.1	11.9	12.1	12.1	11.2
	NEW MEXICO	11.2	11.0	11.5	11.5	7.1
	ARIZONA	11.3	11.0	11.6	11.7	7.0
	UTAH	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	10.1
	NEVADA	12.1	12.0	12.2	12.2	8.8
Pac.	WASHINGTON	12.1	11.8	12.1	12.1	10.5
	OREGON	11.8	11.2	12.1	11.8	9.9
	CALIFORNIA	12.1	12.0	12.1	12.1	10.5
	ALASKA	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.4	6.6
	HAWAII	11.3	11.0	11.6	12.4	9.9

Source : Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census: U.S. Census of Population: 1950, 1960

ILLITERACY - AGE, SEX, AND RACE: 1969
(In thousands of persons 14 years old and over, except percent)

AGE AND SEX	TOTAL POPULATION	POPULATION ILLITERATE	% ILLITERATE TOTAL	% ILLITERATE WHITE	% ILLITERATE NEGRO & OTHER
TOTAL 14 AND OVER	143,137	1,433	1.0	0.7	3.6
14-24 years	36,853	97	0.3	0.2	0.5
25-44 years	46,501	237	0.5	0.4	1.3
45-64 years	40,985	449	1.1	0.7	5.5
65 years and over	18,798	650	3.5	2.3	16.7
MALE 14 AND OVER	67,306	708	1.1	0.7	4.3
14-24 years	17,484	61	0.3	0.3	0.6
25-44 years	22,272	118	0.5	0.4	2.1
45-64 years	19,513	257	1.3	0.8	7.4
65 years and over	8,037	272	3.4	2.1	17.2
FEMALE 14 AND OVER	75,831	727	1.0	0.7	2.9
14-24 years	19,369	37	0.2	0.2	0.3
25-44 years	24,229	121	0.5	0.5	0.6
45-64 years	21,472	191	0.9	0.6	4.0
65 years and over	10,761	378	3.5	2.4	16.2

Source: Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census; CURRENT POPULATION REPORTS, Series P-20, No. 99

TABLE 21

POPULATION UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE (by System)

SYSTEM	CITY OR TOWN	MALE UNDER 5	FEMALE UNDER 5	TOTAL	% POPULATION
ISLAND	BARRINGTON	706	589	1,295	
	BRISTOL	752	711	1,463	
	JAMESTOWN	131	112	243	
	LITTLE COMPTON	123	113	236	
	MIDDLETOWN	922	858	1,780	
	NEWPORT	1,679	1,508	3,187	
	PORTSMOUTH	668	686	1,354	
	TIVERTON	527	566	1,093	
	WARREN	442	426	868	
	TOTAL	5,950	5,569	11,519	8 %
SOUTH COUNTY	WESTERLY	815	797	1,612	
	CHARLESTOWN	135	119	254	
	EXETER	137	109	246	
	HOPKINTON	315	257	572	
	NARRAGANSETT	366	308	674	
	NEW SHOREHAM	9	12	21	
	NORTH KINGSTOWN	1,403	1,290	2,693	
	RICHMOND	156	138	294	
	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	557	503	1,060	
	TOTAL	3,893	3,533	7,423	9 %
WESTERN	WARWICK	3,295	3,274	6,569	
	COVENTRY	1,171	1,105	2,276	
	CRANSTON	2,507	2,473	4,980	
	EAST GREENWICH	349	384	733	
	FOSTER	124	100	224	
	SCITUATE	314	307	621	
	WEST GREENWICH	97	93	190	
	WEST WARWICK	1,062	1,008	2,070	
	TOTAL	8,919	8,744	17,663	8 %
NORTHERN	PAWTUCKET	3,038	2,907	5,945	
	BURRILLVILLE	432	391	823	
	CENTRAL FALLS	826	809	1,635	
	CUMBERLAND	1,168	1,106	2,274	
	EAST PROVIDENCE	1,901	1,832	3,733	
	GLOCESTER	252	235	487	
	JOHNSTON	894	880	1,774	
	LINCOLN	618	589	1,207	
	NORTH PROVIDENCE	976	929	1,905	
	NORTH SMITHFIELD	383	331	714	
	SMITHFIELD	604	593	1,197	
	WOONSOCKET	2,134	2,106	4,240	
	TOTAL	13,226	12,708	25,934	8%
PROVIDENCE	PROVIDENCE	6,890	6,603	13,493	8 %
TOTAL		38,878	37,157	76,035	8 %

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DAY CARE, NURSERY SCHOOLS

ISLAND SYSTEM TOTAL 9

BARRINGTON 2
Primrose Hill Nursery School, Middle Highway
Briarwood Nursery School, 136 County Road

MIDDLETOWN 4
Casey, Catherine C., Mrs., 1416 Wapping Road
Kiddie Kastle Child Day Care and Kindergarten, 240 Purgatory Road
Middletown Baptist Church, 1818 West Main Road
Silveira Kindergarten and Nursery, 132 Peckham Lane

NEWPORT 1
Garrettson Memorial Day Care Center, 299 Spring Street

PORTSMOUTH 2
Portsmouth Friends School, 2232 East Main Road
Portsmouth Kindergarten and Nursery School, East Main Road

SOUTH COUNTY SYSTEM TOTAL 3

WESTERLY 1
Westone Nursery School, 35 Beach Street

NORTH KINGSTOWN 1
Quonset Point Day Center, Quonset Point

SOUTH KINGSTOWN 1
Cane Day Care Center, 146 Post Road

WESTERN SYSTEM TOTAL 12

WARWICK 5
Humpty Dumpty Nursery and Kindergarten School, 619 Church Avenue
Lad & Lassie Pre-School, 91 Canonchet Avenue
Cedar-Hurst Pre-School, Inc., 1179 Main Avenue
Kent Country Day School, 1000 Bald Hill Road
Romper Room Schools, Inc., 22 Astral Street

CRANSTON 6
Doric Day Nursery & Kindergarten, 145 Pontiac Avenue
Candy Cane Nursery School, Inc., 54 Olney Arnold Road
Jack & Jill Nursery School, 117 Woodbine Street
Little Shaver Day Care Center, Inc., 1145 Reservoir Avenue
Romper Room Schools, Inc., 351 Budlong Road
3M Nursery School, 597 Laurel Hill Avenue

WEST GREENWICH 1
Greenwich Village Nursery School, Nooseneck Hill Road

NORTHERN SYSTEM TOTAL 14

PAWTUCKET 2
Pawtucket Day Nursery Association, 25 Thornley Street
Pawtucket Christian Day School, 680 Newport Avenue

CUMBERLAND 1
Pied Piper Care Centers, Inc., 331 Mendon Road

EAST PROVIDENCE 6
Little Playmates, Inc., 102 Bay View Avenue
Oliver Day School, Inc., 152 Robinson Street
Romper Room Schools, Inc., 1240 Pawtucket Avenue
Belles & Beaus, 15 Palmer Avenue
Rumford Morning School, 4 Newman Avenue
St. Michael's Nursery School, 1336 Pawtucket Avenue

JOHNSTON 2
Hughesdale School, 415 Central Avenue
Pied Piper Nursery School, 160 Putnam Avenue

NORTH PROVIDENCE 1
Green Acres Country Day School, Marblehead Avenue

WOONSOCKET 2
Little Shaver Day Care Center & Nursery School, 73 Hamlet Avenue
Mount Saint Francis Day Care Center, 4 Saint Joseph Street

PROVIDENCE SYSTEM TOTAL 8

Comprehensive Child Development Center, 747 Broad Street
Salvation Army, 20 Miner Street
Nickerson House, 133 Delaine Street
Jewish Community Center of R.I., 170 Sessions Street
Little Bo-Peep Nursery School, 84 Terrace Avenue
Mount Hope Day Care Center, Inc., 421 Hope Street
Providence Head Start, Kenyon Street
Tuller, Abbie Loveland School, 72 Prospect Street

TOTAL STATE 46

OVER 60 BY SEX (by Systems)

SYSTEM	CITY OR TOWN	MALE OVER 60	FEMALE OVER 60	TOTAL	% POP. OVER 60
ISLAND	BARRINGTON	814	1,027	1,841	10 %
	BRISTOL	1,149	1,345	2,494	14
	JAMESTOWN	233	323	546	19
	LITTLE COMPTON	215	265	480	20
	MIDDLETOWN	598	843	1,441	5
	NEWPORT	1,813	2,869	4,682	14
	PORTSMOUTH	515	633	1,148	9
	TIVERTON	703	855	1,558	12
	WARREN	678	1,050	1,728	16
	TOTAL	6,718	9,210	15,928	11 %
SOUTH COUNTY	WESTERLY	1,118	1,526	2,644	15
	CHARLESTOWN	223	269	492	17
	EXETER	171	145	316	10
	HOPKINTON	353	390	743	14
	NARRAGANSETT	401	482	883	12
	NEW SHOREHAM	79	97	176	36
	NORTH KINGSTOWN	579	793	1,372	5
	RICHMOND	136	157	293	11
	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	850	1,212	2,062	12
	TOTAL	3,910	5,071	8,981	10 %
WESTERN	WARWICK	4,876	6,641	11,517	14
	COVENTRY	1,017	1,251	2,268	10
	CRANSTON	5,500	7,900	13,400	18
	EAST GREENWICH	440	602	1,042	11
	FOSTER	187	204	391	15
	SCITUATE	501	629	1,130	15
	WEST GREENWICH	106	98	204	11
	WEST WARWICK	1,434	2,005	3,439	14
	TOTAL	14,061	19,330	33,391	15 %
NORTHERN	PAWTUCKET	5,946	8,968	14,914	19
	BURRILLVILLE	763	1,122	1,885	19
	CENTRAL FALLS	1,504	2,269	3,773	20
	CUMBERLAND	1,253	1,775	3,028	11
	EAST PROVIDENCE	3,193	4,621	7,814	16
	GLOCESTER	335	378	713	14
	JOHNSTON	1,181	1,451	2,632	12
	LINCOLN	1,127	1,549	2,676	15
	NORTH PROVIDENCE	1,404	1,870	3,274	13
	NORTH SMITHFIELD	631	924	1,555	17
	SMITHFIELD	690	887	1,577	12
	WOONSOCKET	3,388	5,233	8,621	18
	TOTAL	21,415	31,047	52,462	16 %
PROVIDENCE	PROVIDENCE	14,414	21,988	36,412	20 %
TOTALS		60,518	86,646	147,164	15 %

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TABLE 27

NURSING HOMES, CONVALESCENT HOMES, REST HOMES

SYSTEM	CITY OR TOWN	
ISLAND	BARRINGTON	0
	BRISTOL	1
	JAMESTOWN	1
	LITTLE COMPTON	0
	MIDDLETOWN	2
	NEWPORT	11
	PORTSMOUTH	3
	TIVERTON	2
	WARREN	7
	TOTAL	27
SOUTH COUNTY	WESTERLY	4
	CHARLESTOWN	1
	EXETER	1
	HOPKINTON	2
	NARRAGANSETT	0
	NEW SHOREHAM	0
	NORTH KINGSTOWN	5
	RICHMOND	0
	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	6
	TOTAL	19
WESTERN	WARWICK	17
	COVENTRY	7
	CRANSTON	2
	EAST GREENWICH	0
	FOSTER	2
	SCITUATE	4
	WEST GREENWICH	0
	WEST WARWICK	1
	TOTAL	33
NORTHERN	PAWTUCKET	14
	BURRILLVILLE	4
	CENTRAL FALLS	7
	CUMBERLAND	5
	EAST PROVIDENCE	11
	GLOCESTER	1
	JOHNSTON	2
	LINCOLN	3
	NORTH PROVIDENCE	3
	NORTH SMITHFIELD	0
	SMITHFIELD	6
	WOONSOCKET	7
	TOTAL	63
PROVIDENCE	PROVIDENCE	16
TOTAL STATE		158

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TABLE 29

PUBLIC HOUSING IN RHODE ISLAND AS OF 12/31/70

SYSTEM	COMMUNITY	PROJECT	FAMILY # UNITS	ELDERLY # UNITS	
PROVIDENCE	PROVIDENCE	Chad Brown	312		
		Admiral Terrace	278		
		Sunset Village		36	
		Manton Heights	330		
		Hartford Park	748		
		Codding Court	119		
		Roger Williams	744		
		Bradford House		204	
		Dexter Manor		200	
		TOTALS	2,531	440	2,971
NORTHERN	PAWTUCKET	Prospect Heights	310		
		Crook Manor	228		
		John F. Kennedy		157	
		John F. Fogarty		250	
	CENTRAL FALLS	Wilfred Manor		125	
	JOHNSTON	Aime J. Forand		74	
	EAST PROVIDENCE	Harbor View		130	
		Warren Avenue		20	
		City View Manor		150	
	WOONSOCKET	Morin Heights	300		
		John F. Kennedy		198	
		Veterans Memorial	300		
		Park View Manor		150	
	BURRILLVILLE	Ashton Court		76	
	CUMBERLAND	Cumberland Manor		126	
	LINCOLN	Manville Manor		52	
		Lincoln Manor		100	
	SMITHFIELD	Greenville Manor		50	
		TOTALS	1,138	1,658	2,769
WESTERN	CRANSTON	Hall Manor		79	
		Budlong Manor		71	
		Randall Manor		80	
		Arlington Manor		120	
		Knightsville Manor		198	
	WARWICK	Warwick Terrace		100	
		Warwick Ter. Annex		18	
		Meadowbrook Terrace		120	
		West Shore Terrace		124	
	COVENTRY	Knotty Oak Village		75	
		West Warwick Manor		126	
		TOTALS		1,111	1,111
SOUTH COUNTY	WESTERLY	Park View		60	60
ISLAND	JAMESTOWN	Pemberton Manor		36	
	BRISTOL	Church Manor		150	
	PORTSMOUTH	Quaker Manor		40	
	NEWPORT	Park Holm	262		
		Chapel Terrace	76		
		Tonomy Hill	511		
		Pond Ave. Edgar Ct.	75		
		Chapel Street		170	
		TOTALS	924	396	1,293

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TRAILERS

SYSTEM	CITY OR TOWN	
ISLAND	BARRINGTON	0
	BRISTOL	1
	JAMESTOWN	3
	LITTLE COMPTON	
	MIDDLETOWN	64
	NEWPORT	62
	PORTSMOUTH	225
	TIVERTON	141
	WARREN	0
SOUTH COUNTY	WESTERLY	0
	CHARLESTOWN	48
	EXETER	144
	HOPKINTON	71
	NARRAGANSETT	0
	NEW SHOREHAM	
	NORTH KINGSTOWN	297
	RICHMOND	20
	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	31
WESTERN	WARWICK	67
	COVENTRY	185
	CRANSTON	27
	EAST GREENWICH	54
	FOSTER	27
	SCITUATE	12
	WEST GREENWICH	
	WEST WARWICK	4
NORTHERN	PAWTUCKET	153
	BURRILLVILLE	49
	CENTRAL FALLS	2
	CUMBERLAND	32
	EAST PROVIDENCE	67
	GLOCESTER	66
	JOHNSTON	19
	LINCOLN	22
	NORTH PROVIDENCE	1
	NORTH SMITHFIELD	2
	SMITHFIELD	4
	WOONSOCKET	9
PROVIDENCE	PROVIDENCE	28
TOTAL STATE		1,959

Total urban 980
Total rural 979

1,651 Owner occupied
308 Rented

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UNEMPLOYED 1/72

SYSTEM	CITY OR TOWN	UNEMPLOYED		PERCENT
ISLAND	BARRINGTON	367		5.2
	BRISTOL	613		7.5
	JAMESTOWN	59		5.6
	LITTLE COMPTON	65		6.6
	MIDDLETOWN	260		2.9
	NEWPORT	743		9.8
	PORTSMOUTH	198		5.3
	TIVERTON	169		3.1
	WARREN	438		8.7
	TOTAL	2,912	Average	6.1
SOUTH COUNTY	WESTERLY	562		7.5
	CHARLESTOWN	47		4.2
	EXETER	56		7.1
	HOPKINTON	77		3.7
	NARRAGANSETT	323		10.9
	NEW SHOREHAM	-		-
	NORTH KINGSTOWN	373		6.8
	RICHMOND	112		9.8
	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	417		5.9
	TOTAL	1,967	Average	7.0
WESTERN	WARWICK	2,501		7.1
	COVENTRY	882		9.3
	CRANSTON	2,362		7.6
	EAST GREENWICH	240		6.6
	FOSTER	30		3.4
	SCITUATE	361		11.1
	WEST GREENWICH	33		5.3
	WEST WARWICK	1,095		9.5
	TOTAL	7,504	Average	7.5
NORTHERN	PAWTUCKET	2,356		6.4
	BURRILLVILLE	450		10.1
	CENTRAL FALLS	601		6.8
	CUMBERLAND	758		6.4
	EAST PROVIDENCE	1,563		7.3
	GLOCESTER	95		4.6
	JOHNSTON	823		8.2
	LINCOLN	533		7.3
	NORTH PROVIDENCE	1,057		9.5
	NORTH SMITHFIELD	219		5.5
	SMITHFIELD	420		7.0
	WOONSOCKET	1,974		9.1
	TOTAL	10,849	Average	7.4
PROVIDENCE	PROVIDENCE	6,368		8.0
TOTAL		29,600		7.5

Research Department, Department of Employment Security

from: Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1971
U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

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No. 107. Patients in Mental Care Facilities, 1968, and in Public Institutions for Mentally Retarded, 1969—States

Item and State	Mental hospitals, 1968				Outpatient psychiatric clinics, terminations, 1968	General hospitals with psychiatric service, discharges, 1968	Public institutions for mentally retarded, 1969		
	State and County		Private						
	Resident patients, end of year	Total admissions	Resident patients, end of year	Total admissions			Resident patients, end of year	Total admissions	Net live releases [1]
Facilities, number	312		180		[2] 1,017	1,122		180	
U.S.	399,162	365,455	10,454	89,138	796,683	485,896	189,394	14,868	14,701
Ala.	7,699	3,984	50	1,070	6,328	8,138	2,332	53	40
Alaska	164	313	–	–	1,373	632	101	16	5
Ariz.	1,128	1,100	26	350	6,858	3,398	979	41	32
Ark.	1,067	2,691	–	–	3,033	1,853	1,130	373	95
Calif.	18,038	32,471	700	9,705	122,537	49,270	12,645	867	1,364
Colo.	1,641	3,169	188	2,838	10,707	5,296	2,276	181	324
Conn.	6,068	12,179	587	1,359	12,530	6,426	4,102	650	610
Del.	1,306	1,358	–	–	3,224	421	567	27	41
D.C.	5,476	3,910	63	425	3,708	2,878	1,285	105	113
Fla.	9,603	5,037	103	2,749	16,391	20,575	8,721	952	244
Ga.	10,815	7,609	100	4,383	9,816	9,716	1,699	232	220
Hawaii	585	537	–	–	3,647	868	743	54	97
Idaho	633	860	–	–	1,756	811	700	174	153
Ill.	21,554	24,622	518	5,694	47,383	18,284	8,533	494	1,100
Ind.	9,040	4,623	54	1,959	12,309	14,706	3,771	201	203
Iowa	1,432	5,469	–	–	8,257	10,065	1,546	140	244
Kans.	2,101	3,326	130	116	11,807	6,049	1,906	204	227
Ky.	3,901	6,154	255	3,661	8,133	9,638	1,046	148	160
La.	5,132	7,012	–	–	11,914	7,141	2,782	310	240
Maine	2,706	2,016	9	337	4,212	1,818	839	71	128
Md.	7,700	12,204	773	1,898	18,321	6,000	3,261	314	294
Mass.	15,095	13,941	695	5,016	20,233	6,466	7,767	394	404
Mich.	14,627	10,011	844	7,165	30,071	16,852	12,284	673	784
Minn.	4,244	6,933	–	–	13,949	17,647	4,842	271	566
Miss.	5,124	4,204	7	550	1,543	2,117	1,330	112	117
Mo.	7,488	9,648	187	1,735	11,148	11,842	2,530	1,186	1,230
Mont.	1,370	1,693	–	–	2,268	2,191	932	110	105
Nebr.	2,050	1,970	57	1,181	4,791	4,768	2,022	66	109
Nev.	451	928	–	–	847	1,766	[3]	[3]	[3]
N.H.	2,158	1,795	–	–	5,029	1,164	1,004	32	7
N.J.	16,762	13,587	309	2,384	19,143	14,951	6,663	240	163
N. Mex.	646	1,511	64	757	3,318	750	763	66	48
N.Y.	79,017	44,171	1,531	7,919	146,121	62,631	26,886	1,238	1,444
N.C.	8,283	14,111	166	1,266	16,595	10,379	4,802	574	358
N. Dak.	1,208	1,377	–	–	4,376	2,318	1,506	76	64
Ohio	20,401	20,477	330	2,083	25,718	22,725	9,405	593	580
Okla.	3,935	5,801	58	749	9,409	7,814	1,980	266	262
Oreg.	2,219	4,641	–	–	8,883	4,120	2,943	223	187
Pa.	30,793	9,012	1,046	7,221	35,092	23,517	10,837	370	893
R.I.	1,047	3,965	40	690	3,895	2,332	872	55	30
S.C.	5,806	4,007	–	–	8,209	3,877	3,495	630	157
S. Dak.	1,342	1,408	–	–	2,920	2,498	1,212	111	116
Tenn.	6,983	9,646	28	921	13,216	8,916	2,488	249	56
Texas	14,253	14,920	356	4,131	19,830	29,920	10,566	693	348
Utah	542	1,070	–	–	2,041	3,338	1,150	51	22
Vt.	1,070	816	388	524	3,145	1,460	659	77	70
Va.	11,371	7,602	280	4,695	8,866	9,479	3,615	270	151
Wash.	2,930	3,774	82	1,276	13,458	9,724	4,005	200	181
W. Va.	4,558	3,390	32	993	2,443	2,924	471	42	38
Wis.	11,487	8,933	222	1,269	17,918	15,510	3,788	361	239
Wyo.	509	541	–	–	1,923	1,448	697	32	14

– Represents zero. [1] Excess of patients released alive from hospital (direct discharges plus leave placements) over those returning to hospitals. [2] Excludes 68 VA Clinics.
[3] No institutions for mentally retarded; patients requiring hospitalization receive care at State mental hospital.

Source: Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, Public Health Service; *Mental Health Statistics—Current Facility Reports and Reference Tables on Patients in Mental Health Facilities, Age, Sex, and Diagnoses, U.S., 1968*, and Social and Rehabilitation Service; annual report, *Residents in Public Institutions for the Mentally Retarded*.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES

AGE GROUPS	ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER	ESTIMATED NUMBER NEEDING SERVICES
0-4 years	*270,000	270,000
5-19 years	**3,660,000	3,660,000
20-64 years	+15,000,000	10,000,000
65+	++6,690,000	6,070,000
Total	25,620,000	20,000,000

*Based on 1966 reports from State Crippled Children's Programs to Maternal and Child Health Service, Health Services and Mental Health Administration, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

**Based on 1967-68 Statewide Annual Reports on Special Education Programs (Title VI-A, Elementary and Secondary Education Act) to the U.S. Office of Education.

+Based on 1966 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION Survey of the Disabled, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

++Based on CHRONIC CONDITIONS CAUSING ACTIVITY LIMITATION (for 1966 National Center for Health Statistics, Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.)

Source: A National Effort for the Physically Handicapped
The Report of the President's Task Force on the Physically Handicapped
July 1970.

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PERSONS RECEIVING SOME FORM OF ASSISTANCE FROM PA - March 16, 1971

YSTEM	CITY OR TOWN	ADB	AFDC	GPA	MA	TOTAL	% OF POP.
SLAND	BARRINGTON	18	234		165	417	2.4
	BRISTOL	156	357	127	411	1,051	5.9
	JAMESTOWN	15	51		27	93	3.2
	LITTLE COMPTON	4	21	8	27	60	2.5
	MIDDLETOWN	31	146	80	110	367	1.2
	NEWPORT	233	1,464	298	713	2,708	7.8
	PORTSMOUTH	57	121	52	165	395	3.2
	TIVERTON	56	155	65	247	523	4.2
	WARREN	197	370	131	329	1,027	9.8
	TOTAL	767	2,919	761	2,194	6,641	4.5
OUTH COUNTY	WESTERLY	133	378	198	356	1,065	6.2
	CHARLESTOWN	14	54		27	95	3.3
	EXETER	22	75	11	27	135	4.2
	HOPKINTON	35	80	112	110	337	6.2
	NARRAGANSETT	10	155	54	82	301	4.2
	NEW SHOREHAM	4	4		27	35	7.2
	NORTH KINGSTOWN	200	381	87	247	915	3.3
	RICHMOND	16	150		55	221	8.4
	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	120	360	131	274	885	5.2
	TOTAL	554	1,637	593	1,205	3,989	5.4
STERN	WARWICK	509	2,161	1,023	1,782	5,475	6.5
	COVENTRY	140	557	338	494	1,529	6.7
	CRANSTON	558	1,903	423	2,981	5,865	8.0*
	EAST GREENWICH	31	171	52	192	446	4.C
	FOSTER	44	94	42	82	262	10.0
	SCITUATE	187	209		192	588	7.8
	WEST GREENWICH	6	18	26	27	77	4.2
	WEST WARWICK	267	698	383	877	2,225	9.1
	TOTAL	1,742	5,811	2,287	6,627	16,467	7.1
RTHERN	PAWTUCKET	1,100	4,462	2,396	2,934	10,892	14.1
	BURRILLVILLE	177	333	123	586	1,219	12.1*
	CENTRAL FALLS	479	1,623	933	850	3,885	20.75
	CUMBERLAND	141	409	117	713	1,380	5.2
	EAST PROVIDENCE	383	1,676	365	1,316	3,740	7.8
	GLOCESTER	20	194	68	110	392	7.6
	JOHNSTON	171	591	198	548	1,508	6.8
	LINCOLN	98	370	122	329	919	5.7
	NORTH PROVIDENCE	220	373	65	603	1,261	5.2
	NORTH SMITHFIELD	115	118	67	82	382	4.1
	SMITHFIELD	138	199	61	274	672	5.0
	WOONSOCKET	933	4,128	1,085	2,003	8,149	17.4
	TOTAL	3,975	14,476	5,600	10,348	34,399	9.3
VIDENCE	PROVIDENCE	3,675	20,311	5,942	7,047	36,975	20.6
AL STATE		10,713	45,154	15,183	27,421	98,471	10.4

rnston includes recipients at General Hospital and IMH
rillville includes recipients at Zambarano Hospital

from: Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1971 TABLE 42
U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

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No. 186. Estimated Public School Expenditures, 1971, and Personal Income, 1969, by States

[In millions of dollars, except as indicated. School data for year ending June 30]

State	Total expenditures [1]	Current expenditures				Capital outlay	Per capita		
		Elementary and secondary schools	Other programs [2]	Average per pupil in average daily attendance			School expenditures [3] (dollars)	Personal income [4]	
				Total (dollars)	Rank			Amount (dollars)	Rank
U.S.	44,424	36,451	1,573	858	(X)	5,061	219	3,687	(X)
N.E.	2,426	2,091	55	893	(X)	192	205	4,076	(X)
Maine	207	175	4	703	32	23	200	3,054	35
N.H.	133	106	(Z)	729	34	23	181	3,471	26
Vt.	118	108	(Z)	1,001	4	8	206	3,247	32
Mass.	1,118	938	45	856	21	85	197	4,156	8
R.I.	193	164	1	983	7	21	203	3,858	13
Conn.	656	600	5	997	6	32	216	4,695	1
M.A.	9,600	7,955	337	1,174	(X)	976	258	4,156	(X)
N.Y.	5,157	4,336	217	1,370	2	462	283	4,442	4
N.J.	1,727	1,530	20	1,088	3	110	241	4,241	7
Pa.	2,715	2,089	91	948	12	414	230	3,659	17
E.N.C.	8,884	7,330	179	876	(X)	1,087	221	3,928	(X)
Ohio	2,034	1,760	30	778	27	200	191	3,738	15
Ind.	1,164	861	17	770	31	241	224	3,687	16
Ill.	2,420	1,968	87	937	[5] 14	291	218	4,285	6
Mich.	2,292	1,879	34	937	[5] 14	295	258	3,994	11
Wis.	974	872	12	977	8	60	220	3,632	19
W.N.C.	3,587	2,956	133	846	(X)	404	220	3,497	(X)
Minn.	1,102	896	13	1,021	5	151	290	3,635	18
Iowa	721	590	31	944	13	87	255	3,549	23
Mo.	835	686	62	747	33	67	179	3,458	27
N. Dak.	110	98	2	989	36	7	178	3,012	38
S. Dak.	131	113	–	713	35	16	196	3,027	37
Nebr.	270	214	8	983	37	40	182	3,609	20
Kans.	419	360	17	771	30	36	186	3,488	25
S.A.	5,963	4,917	120	748	(X)	780	194	3,287	(X)
Del.	160	117	(Z)	954	10	35	292	4,107	9
Md.	1,042	808	8	908	9	191	266	4,073	10
D.C.	180	142	11	[6] 1,046	(X)	24	238	4,722	(X)
Va.	954	810	20	800	25	100	205	3,307	30
W. Va.	271	238	3	624	45	27	156	2,603	47
N.C.	848	713	64	642	41	67	167	2,888	42
S.C.	458	392	8	656	39	50	177	2,607	46
Ga.	769	656	15	634	43	70	168	3,071	34
Fla.	1,279	1,040	–	776	[5] 28	213	188	3,525	24
E.S.C.	1,778	1,546	37	660	(X)	145	139	2,651	(X)
Ky.	462	404	1	621	46	42	143	2,847	43
Tenn.	577	510	9	601	47	40	147	2,808	44
Ala.	435	370	2	489	50	51	126	2,582	48
Miss.	304	263	25	521	49	12	137	2,218	50
W.S.C.	3,551	2,824	30	667	(X)	392	173	3,060	(X)
Ark.	279	240	3	578	48	27	145	2,488	49
La.	698	621	1	806	24	55	192	2,781	45
Okla.	429	385	3	676	38	35	168	3,047	36
Tex.	1,946	1,578	23	636	42	278	174	3,259	31
Mt.	1,834	1,549	21	767	(X)	220	221	3,328	(X)
Mont.	169	142	5	866	20	19	243	3,130	33
Idaho	133	110	(Z)	629	44	16	186	2,953	40
Wyo.	83	76	–	927	17	6	250	3,353	29
Colo.	467	399	5	780	26	50	211	3,604	21
N. Mex.	251	209	6	776	[5] 28	34	247	2,897	41
Ariz.	406	333	–	808	[5] 22	66	229	3,372	28
Utah	216	185	3	643	40	24	204	2,997	39
Nev.	108	95	2	808	[5] 22	7	222	4,458	3
Pac.	7,002	5,286	660	891	(X)	865	264	4,164	(X)
Wash.	830	665	60	873	19	85	245	3,848	14
Oreg.	475	411	1	935	16	53	227	3,573	22
Calif.	5,347	3,943	590	879	18	665	268	4,290	5
Alaska	142	106	2	[7] 1,429	1	31	471	4,460	2
Hawaii	202	162	7	951	11	32	263	3,928	12

– Represents zero. X Not applicable. Z Less than $500,000.

[1] Includes interest on school debt, not shown separately. [2] Includes expenditures for summer schools, adult education, community services, and community colleges and technical institutes under the jurisdiction of local boards of education. [3] Based on Bureau of the Census estimated resident population as of April 1, 1970. Source: *1970 Census of Population*, PC(V1)-1. [4] Source: Office of Business Economics; *Survey of Current Business*, August 1970. [5] The following States share the same rank: Ill. and Mich., 14; Ariz. and Nev., 22; and N. Mex. and Fla., 28. In order to have the lowest rank equal to the number of States presented, the numbers 15, 23, and 29 are omitted. [6] Estimated. [7] Amount shown should be reduced about one-fourth to make it roughly comparable to amounts shown for other States.

Source: Dept. of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Education (except as noted); *Fall 1970 Statistics of Public Schools.*

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ATTENDANCE AT ALL TYPES OF SCHOOLS IN SYSTEMS 71/72

SYSTEM	CITY OR TOWN	PUBLIC	CATHOLIC	INDEPEN.	STATE	NURSERY	VOC.	COLLEGE
ISLAND	BARRINGTON	4,925	185	180	7	172		600
	BRISTOL	3,618	778	108	5	71		1,500
	JAMESTOWN	512	15	9				
	LITTLE COMPTON	450		5				
	MIDDLETOWN	4,945	314	69		76		
	NEWPORT	6,586	765	204	2	27	268	613
	PORTSMOUTH	3,704	93	40		76		
	TIVERTON	3,052	11	27	2	8		
	WARREN	2,449	187	16	3	32		
	TOTAL	30,241	2,348	658	19	462	268	2,713
SOUTH COUNTY	WESTERLY	3,933	324	12		21		
	CHARLESTOWN	475		1		6		
	EXETER	535			271	5		
	HOPKINTON	985	7	4		3		
	NARRAGANSETT	1,137	320	33		24		
	NEW SHOREHAM	94						
	NORTH KINGSTOWN	7,211	132	57	1	111		
	RICHMOND	506	1	5		2		
	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	3,004	231	31		48		15,300
	CHARIHO	1,356					238	
	TOTAL	19,236	1,015	143	272	220	238	15,300
WESTERN	WARWICK	20,232	2,459	154	49	436		
	COVENTRY	6,323	875	16	5	115	392	
	CRANSTON	14,718	1,748	205	84	211		
	EAST GREENWICH	2,684	174	43	1	103		
	FOSTER	774	3	4	5	6		
	SCITUATE	1,854	101	20	9	39		
	WEST GREENWICH	388	14	1		5		
	WEST WARWICK	4,646	1,079	6	13	19		
	TOTAL	51,619	6,453	449	166	934	392	
NORTHERN	PAWTUCKET	12,330	4,026	208	250	98	200	
	BURRILLVILLE	2,356	315	6	102	1		
	CENTRAL FALLS	2,910	1,382	17	30	8		
	CUMBERLAND	7,304	483	39	37	60	145	
	EAST PROVIDENCE	10,719	1,424	161	3	114	370	
	GLOCESTER	1,393	47	2	4	6		
	JOHNSTON	4,916	794	42	37	26		
	LINCOLN	3,771	395	52	51	13		
	NORTH PROVIDENCE	4,876	967	44	77	2		
	NORTH SMITHFIELD	2,213	198	17	24	21		
	SMITHFIELD	3,472	434	23	43	27		3,700
	WOONSOCKET	8,358	2,476	36	73	9		
	TOTAL	64,618	12,941	647	731	385	715	3,700
PROVIDENCE	PROVIDENCE	24,982	7,379	1,628	414	148	531	30,547
OUT OF STATE			460	951				
TOTALS		190,696	30,596	4,476	1,602	2,149	2,144	52,260

PORTION OF STATE ATTENDING SCHOOL FULL TIME 33%
PORTION OF FULL TIME STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIVATE SCHOOLS 17% (excluding college 13%)

RHODE ISLAND LIBRARY LAWS ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE LIBRARY SERVICES

CHAPTER 3.1—DEPARTMENT OF STATE LIBRARY SERVICES

SECTION.
29-3.1- 1. Department established — Control.
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29-3.1-11. Annual report.
29-3.1-12. Division of library extension services.

29-3.1-1. Department established—Control.—There shall be a department of state library services, control of which shall be vested in the director of state library services. Within the department of state library services there shall be a division of library extension services and such other divisions as may be established from time to time by the director. The department of state library services is hereby empowered to cooperate with the commissioner of education of the United States of America in the carrying out of the purposes of any and all acts of congress for the benefit of library services within this state. The department of state library services is hereby designated as the agency for the administration of any plan or plans heretofore or hereafter formulated in conformity with said act or acts of congress and is authorized to administer any such plan or plans and to enter into such agreements with the commissioner of education of the United States of America as may be from time to time required under this chapter or said act or acts of congress, and from time to time amend the same (except any plan or plans, or agreements, formulated or entered into or to be administered by the state board of education).

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1; P. L. 1967, ch. 227.

Cross-Reference.
Severability of provisions, §29-6-11.

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29-3.1-2. Advisory board of library commissioners—Appointment of members.—There shall be an advisory board of library commissioners which shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be residents of this state, five (5) of whom shall be appointed by the governor as herein provided. In the first instance one (1) member shall be appointed to said board for a five (5) year term, one (1) member for a four (4) year term, one (1) member for a three (3) year term, one (1) member for a two (2) year term and one (1) member for a one (1) year term; said members to hold office until the first day of May in the years in which their respective terms end, and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Thereafter, in the month of April in each year, the governor shall appoint one (1) member of said board for a five (5) year term to succeed the member whose term will next expire, to hold office until the first day of May in the fifth year after his appointment and until his successor is appointed and qualified. The other two (2) members of the board shall be appointed in the following manner: The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one (1) member of said house to hold office during the term of his tenure in the house of representatives. The lieutenant governor shall appoint one (1) member of the senate to hold office during the term of his tenure in the senate. Any vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority. At all times, at least two (2) members of said board shall be professional librarians, at least one (1) member of said board shall be a trustee of a public library in Rhode Island, and at least one (1) member of said board shall be an educator. The director of state library services shall serve as secretary of said board without vote.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1.

29-3.1-3. Reimbursement of board members.—Members of the advisory board of library commissioners shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for reasonable, actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1.

29-3.1-4. Responsibilities—Advisory powers and duties of board. —The advisory board of library commissioners is hereby empowered:

(1) To review policies promulgated by the director of state library services and advise said director concerning such policies.

(2) To act as a board of appeal upon decisions as to either library services or library construction when such appeals are made by the library authorities affected to make a final judgment as to whether said decision shall stand or be reversed. In addition, said board may alter such decision when an appeal is made by the library authorities affected.

(3) To act as a board of review and appeal concerning library standards. Said board shall review and approve such standards as shall be promulgated by the director of state library services. Said board shall act as a board of appeal in hearing and making final judgment concerning interpretations of rules and regulations dealing with library standards upon request of the library authorities affected.

(4) To act as a board of review and appeal concerning certification. Said board shall review and approve such certification rules as shall be developed by the director of state library services. Said board shall act as a board of appeal in hearing and making final judgment concerning a decision of the director of state library services upon certification of any individual when so requested by the library authorities affected, individuals concerned and/or their representatives. It may also alter such decision.

(5) To serve as representatives of the people in securing a comprehensive program of free public library services in the state.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1.

29-3.1-5. Director of state library services.—There shall be a director of state library services to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate to serve at the pleasure of the governor. Said director shall hold a graduate degree in library science from an accredited library school or an undergraduate degree in library science from an accredited library school of library science and have five (5) years of experience in library administration or a graduate degree not in library science from an accredited university or college and have seven (7) years experience in library administration.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1.

29-3.1-6. Director of state library services—Compensation.—The director of state library services shall be in the unclassified service

of the state and shall receive such salary as the governor may determine.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1.

29-3.1-7. Director of state library services—Duties.—The director of state library services shall be the executive and administrative officer in charge of the department of state library services. He shall also carry out the duties required of him by this chapter and by chapters 5 and 6 of this title. He shall also have the authority:

(1) Supervise and control the department of state library services.

(2) To promote and develop the department of state library services;

(3) To promote and develop library services throughout the state in co-operation with any and all other state or municipal libraries, public libraries, schools or other agencies wherever practical;

(4) To promote the establishment of cooperative library systems and the establishment of regional libraries as conditions within particular areas of the state may require;

(5) To make rules and regulations and establish standards of administration of the department of state library services and for the control, distribution and lending of books and materials to libraries, groups, or individuals;

(6) To make rules and regulations under which state or federal funds, which may now or hereafter be appropriated to further library development or use within the state, shall be granted to cities and towns or other agencies for improved library services (except that this provision shall not apply to appropriations made directly to any other agency or institution);

(7) To cooperate with the state department of education and the supervisor of school libraries in the development of statewide school library services;

(8) To give assistance, advice and counsel to all public libraries of any type within the state and to all communities or persons proposing to establish such libraries and to conduct courses and institutes in the approved methods of operation, selection of books, or other activities necessary to the proper administration of a library;

(9) To require that information and statistics necessary to the work of the state department of library services be collected, to publish findings and reports thereon, and to require careful and complete records to be kept of the condition and affairs of the department of state library services;

(10) To make an annual report concerning the activities of the department of state library services to the governor, as he may require;

(11) To develop standards for public libraries and to adopt rules and regulations for the certification of library positions and/or personnel, except that such rules and regulations shall provide that all library personnel employed on [July 1, 1964] shall be automatically certified for the positions they then hold.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1; P. L. 1967, ch. 227.

Compiler's Note.
Bracketed matter substituted for "the effective date of this act."

29-3.1-8. Acceptance and administration of gifts, donations, and funds from institutions, local governments and federal agencies.—The director of state library services may accept donations of funds or property, real or personal, for the department of state library services or any of its divisions, and in his discretion, with the approval of the advisory board of library commissioners, shall hold the same in the form in which they were given for the purposes of the department of state library services, or dispose of them, with any financial benefits accruing to the department of state library services. The director of state library services shall be the authorized agent to accept, receive and administer any and all funds, moneys, or library materials granted, furnished, provided, appropriated and/or dedicated or made available by the United States of America or any of its departments, commissions, boards, bureaus, or agencies for library services in the state of Rhode Island other than funds, moneys or library materials granted, furnished, provided, appropriated and/or dedicated or made available directly to any agency or institution. The director of state library services shall turn over to the general treasurer for proper custody and safekeeping all such funds paid to the state from the federal treasury or other donating agency, and the general treasurer shall disburse such funds solely for the purpose provided by the original grantor upon orders drawn by the state controller upon receipt by him of duly authenticated vouchers. Any funds lost or diverted from the purposes for which

paid by the United States of America shall be repaid by the state to the United States of America.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1;
P. L. 1967, ch. 227.

29-3.1-9. Department of state library services budget, appropriations and disbursements.—The director of state library services shall present a budget for all activities and maintenance of the department of state library services, including all necessary professional, semi-professional, clerical, janitorial, and other staff, for books, periodicals, maps, binding, micro-reproduction, supplies, equipment, etc., and for all necessary expenses incurred in the execution of the duties assigned to the department. The general assembly shall annually appropriate such sums as it may deem necessary for the department of state library services; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sums, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon the receipt by him of duly authenticated vouchers.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1.

29-3.1-10. Department of state library services staff.—The director of state library services is authorized and empowered to appoint all necessary professional and non professional staff for the several divisions of the department. In appointing professional staff there shall be no qualifications restricting the appointment to residents of the state nor shall there be any qualifications regarding political party affiliation. The employees shall be in the unclassified service.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1.

29-3.1-11. Annual report.—The director of state library services shall annually make a report to the governor, who shall transmit the same to the general assembly at the January session, on the condition of the department of state library services at the end of the preceding fiscal year, on the activities of the department of state library services, and on the condition and state of the book collections and such other collections maintained by the department; and the director of state library services shall include therein such

recommendations as he may deem advisable for the welfare of the department of state library services.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1.

29-3.1-12. Division of library extension services.—The division of library extension services within the department of state library services shall be under the direction of a division director appointed by the director of state library services. Said division shall perform such duties as shall be delegated to it by the director of state library services, and such duties expressly or impliedly required by said division by the provisions of this title in connection with state grants-in-aid, and the promotion and development of free public library services throughout the state.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §1.

CHAPTER 4—FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

SECTION.
29-4-1. Founding by town or city of free public library.
29-4-2. Annual appropriations for library — Acceptance and management of donations.
29-4-3. City or town appropriations for free public libraries.

29-4-1. Founding by town or city of free public library.—The electors in any town qualified to vote upon any proposition to impose a tax, or for the expenditure of money in such town voting at any financial town meeting, or in the case of any city, the city council, may appropriate such sum or sums as they deem proper for the foundation therein of a free public library, with or without branches, for all the inhabitants thereof, and to provide suitable rooms, land, buildings and capital improvements for such library.

History of Section.
G. L. 1896, ch. 36, §5; G. L. 1909, ch. 46, §5; P. L. 1914, ch. 1036, §1; G. L. 1923, ch. 47, §5; G. L. 1938, ch. 329, §5; P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2.

Cross-Reference.
Severability of provisions, §29-6-11.

29-4-2. Annual appropriations for library—Acceptance and management of donations.—Any town or city having established a free public library therein, in manner as aforesaid, may annually, by the

majority vote of the electors of said town qualified as aforesaid and voting on the proposition, or by vote of the city council of said city, appropriate such sum or sums as they shall deem proper for the maintenance and increase of such library therein, and may take, receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or donation for the establishment, maintenance or increase of a public library therein. Any such town or city may annually in like manner appropriate for the maintenance and increase of any free public library therein such sum or sums as may be deemed proper for the maintenance and increase of such free public library and, for land, buildings and capital improvements for such free public library.

History of Section.
G. L. 1896, ch. 36, §6; G. L. 1909, ch. 46, §6; P. L. 1920, ch. 1838, §1; G. L. 1923, ch. 47, §6; G. L. 1938, ch. 329, §6; P. L. 1958, ch. 105, §1; P. L. 1963, ch. 116, §1; P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2.

29-4-3. City or town appropriations for free public libraries. — Any town or city not owning a free public library may annually, by the majority vote of the electors of said town qualified as aforesaid and voting on the proposition, or by vote of the city council of said city, appropriate such sum or sums as they shall deem proper for the maintenance and increase of any free public library therein and for land, buildings and capital improvements for any such free public library therein.

History of Section.
G. L. 1896, ch. 36, §7; G. L. 1909, ch. 46, §7; G. L. 1923, ch. 47, §7; G. L. 1938, ch. 329, §7; P. L. 1958, ch. 105, §1; P. L. 1963, ch. 116, §1; P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2.

29-4-4. Acceptance of gifts for free public libraries.—In case any library, or funds for the establishment thereof, may be offered to any city or town, on the condition that said library shall be maintained as a free public library, the city council of any city, or town council of any town, is hereby authorized to accept such gift in behalf of the city or town.

History of Section.
G. L. 1896, ch. 43, §1; G. L. 1909, ch. 53, §1; G. L. 1923, ch. 54, §1; G. L. 1938, ch. 339, §1; P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2.

Compiler's Note.
P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2 reenacted this section without change.

29-4-5. Appointment of board of trustees—Terms of office—Filling of vacancies.—Whenever any city or town shall establish a free public library, or shall become possessed, as above provided, of any such library, the aforesaid city council or town council, as the case may be, shall proceed to elect a board of trustees, to consist of not less

than three (3) members nor more than seven (7). As soon as possible after the election of the first board, the members thereof shall meet and be divided by lot into three (3) groups or classes, the terms of office of one (1) group expiring in one (1) year from the date of their election, those of another group in two (2) years, and those of the remaining group in three (3) years. With the expiration of the term of office of any member the vacancy shall be filled by the city council or town council, as the case may be, for the term of three (3) years. Vacancies occurring by resignation, removal, death, or otherwise, shall be filled as above for the unexpired term thereof.

History of Section.
G. L. 1896, ch. 43, §2; G. L. 1909, ch. 53, §2; G. L. 1923, ch. 54, §2; G. L. 1938, ch. 339, §2; P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2.

Compiler's Note.
P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2 reenacted this section without change.

29-4-6. Powers and duties of trustees.—The aforesaid trustees shall take possession of said library, and shall thereafter be the legal guardians and custodians of the same. They shall provide suitable rooms for the library, arrange for the proper care of the same, choose one (1) or more competent persons as librarians and fix their compensation, and make all needful rules and regulations for the government of the library and the use of the books; provided, that no fee for the use of the books shall ever be exacted.

History of Section.
G. L. 1896, ch. 43, §3; G. L. 1909, ch. 53, §3; G. L. 1923, ch. 54, §3; G. L. 1938, ch. 339, §2; P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2.

Compiler's Note.
P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2 reenacted this section without change.

29-4-7. Library funds.—All appropriations from the city or town and state, and the income of all funds belonging to the library, shall be subject to the exclusive control of the trustees, and the several city and town treasurers shall pay, within the limits of the appropriations and other library funds in their hands, all bills properly certified by the said trustees.

History of Section.
G. L. 1896, ch. 43, §4; G. L. 1909, ch. 53, §4; G. L. 1923, ch. 54, §4; G. L. 1938, ch. 339, §4; P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2.

Compiler's Note.
P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2 reenacted this section without change.

29-4-8. Acceptance of gifts by trustees.—In case of any bequest, legacy or gift to, or in favor of, a public library, the trustees thereof are hereby authorized and empowered to accept the same in behalf of, and for the use of, the library, and their receipt shall be a full

and sufficient discharge and release to any executor, administrator or other person authorized to make the payment thereof.

History of Section.
G. L. 1896, ch. 43, §5; G. L. 1909, ch. 53, §5; G. L. 1923, ch. 54, [illegible]; G. L. 1938, ch. 339, §5; P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2.

Compiler's Note.
P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2 reenacted this section without change.

29-4-9 to 29-4-13. [Numbers omitted in 1964 amendment.]

Compiler's Note.
P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §2 which amended this chapter in its entirety did not reenact these sections. For present provisions relating to state aid see §29-6-1 et seq.

CHAPTER 5—INTERSTATE LIBRARY COMPACT

SECTION.
29-5-1. Compact.
29-5-2. Compliance with local laws.
29-5-3. State library agency.
29-5-4. Appropriations.
29-5-5. Compact administrator.
29-5-6. Notices.

29-5-1. Compact.—The interstate library compact is hereby enacted into law and entered into by this state with all states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

INTERSTATE LIBRARY COMPACT

ARTICLE I. Policy and Purpose

Because the desire for the services provided by libraries transcends governmental boundaries and can most effectively be satisfied by giving such services to communities and people regardless of jurisdictional lines, it is the policy of the states party to this compact to cooperate and share their responsibilities; to authorize cooperation and sharing with respect to those types of library facilities and services which can be more economically or efficiently developed and maintained on a cooperative basis, and to authorize cooperation and sharing among localities, states and others in providing joint or cooperative library services in areas where the distribution of population or of existing and potential library resources make the provision of library service on an interstate basis the most effective way of providing adequate and efficient service.

ARTICLE II. Definitions

As used in this compact:

(a) "Public library agency" means any unit or agency of local or state government operating or having power to operate a library.

(b) "Private library agency" means any non-governmental entity which operates or assumes a legal obligation to operate a library.

(c) "Library agreement" means a contract establishing an interstate library district pursuant to this compact or providing for the joint or cooperative furnishing of library services.

ARTICLE III. Interstate Library Districts

(a) Any one or more public library agencies in a party state in cooperation with any public library agency or agencies in one or more other party states may establish and maintain an interstate library district. Subject to the provisions of this compact and any other laws of the party states which pursuant hereto remain applicable, such district may establish, maintain and operate some or all of the library facilities and services for the area concerned in accordance with the terms of a library agreement therefor. Any private library agency or agencies within an interstate library district may cooperate therewith, assume duties, responsibilities and obligations thereto, and receive benefits therefrom as provided in any library agreement to which such agency or agencies become party.

(b) Within an interstate library district, and as provided by a library agreement, the performance of library functions may be undertaken on a joint or cooperative basis or may be undertaken by means of one or more arrangements between or among public or private library agencies for the extension of library privileges to the use of facilities or services operated or rendered by one or more of the individual library agencies.

(c) If a library agreement provides for joint establishment, maintenance or operation of library facilities or services by an interstate library district, such district shall have power to do any one or more of the following in accordance with such library agreement:

1. Undertaken, administer and participate in programs or arrangements for securing, lending or servicing of books and other publications, any other materials suitable to be kept or made available by libraries, library equipment or for the dissemination of informa-

tion about libraries, the value and significance of particular items therein, and the use thereof.

2. Accept for any of its purposes under this compact any and all donations, and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, (conditional or otherwise), from any state or the United States or any subdivision or agency thereof, or interstate agency, or from any institution, person, firm or corporation, and receive, utilize and dispose of the same.

3. Operate mobile library units or equipment for the purpose of rendering bookmobile service within the district.

4. Employ professional, technical, clerical and other personnel and fix terms of employment, compensation and other appropriate benefits; and where desirable, provide for the in-service training of such personnel.

5. Sue and be sued in any court of competent jurisdiction.

6. Acquire, hold, and dispose of any real or personal property or any interest or interests therein as may be appropriate to the rendering of library service.

7. Construct, maintain and operate a library, including any appropriate branches thereof.

8. Do such other things as may be incidental to or appropriate for the carrying out of any of the foregoing powers.

ARTICLE IV. Interstate Library Districts, Governing Board

(a) An interstate library district which establishes, maintains or operates any facilities or services in its own right shall have a governing board which shall direct the affairs of the district and act for it in all matters relating to its business. Each participating public library agency in the district shall be represented on the governing board which shall be organized and conduct its business in accordance with provision therefor in the library agreement. But in no event shall a governing board meet less often than twice a year.

(b) Any private library agency or agencies party to a library agreement establishing an interstate library district may be represented on or advise with the governing board of the district in such manner as the library agreement may provide.

ARTICLE V. State Library Agency Cooperation

Any two or more state library agencies of two or more of the party states may undertake and conduct joint or cooperative library pro-

grams, render joint or cooperative library services, and enter into and perform arrangements for the cooperative or joint acquisition, use, housing and disposition of items or collections of materials which, by reason of expense, rarity, specialized nature, or infrequency of demand therefor would be appropriate for central collection and shared use. Any such programs, services or arrangements may include provision for the exercise on a cooperative or joint basis of any power exercisable by an interstate library district and an agreement embodying any such program, service or arrangement shall contain provisions covering the subjects detailed in article VI of this compact for interstate library agreements.

ARTICLE VI. Library Agreements

(a) In order to provide for any joint or cooperative undertaking pursuant to this compact, public and private library agencies may enter into library agreements. Any agreement executed pursuant to the provisions of this compact shall, as among the parties to the agreement:

1. Detail the specific nature of the services, programs, facilities, arrangements or properties to which it is applicable.

2. Provide for the allocation of costs and other financial responsibilities.

3. Specify the respective rights, duties, obligations and liabilities of the parties.

4. Set forth the terms and conditions for duration, renewal, termination, abrogation, disposal of joint or common property, if any, and all other matters which may be appropriate to the proper effectuation and performance of the agreement.

(b) No public or private library agency shall undertake to exercise itself, or jointly with any other library agency, by means of a library agreement any power prohibited to such agency by the constitution or statutes of its state.

(c) No library agreement shall become effective until filed with the compact administrator of each state involved, and approved in accordance with article VII of this compact.

ARTICLE VII. Approval of Library Agreements

(a) Every library agreement made pursuant to this compact shall, prior to and as a condition precedent to its entry into force,

be submitted to the attorney general of each state in which a public library agency party thereto is situated, who shall determine whether the agreement is in proper form and compatible with the laws of his state. The attorneys general shall approve any agreement submitted to them unless they shall find that it does not meet the conditions set forth herein and shall detail in writing addressed to the governing bodies of the public library agencies concerned the specific respects in which the proposed agreement fails to meet the requirements of law. Failure to disapprove an agreement submitted hereunder within ninety (90) days of its submission shall constitute approval thereof.

(b) In the event that a library agreement made pursuant to this compact shall deal in whole or in part with the provisions of services or facilities with regard to which an officer or agency of the state government has constitutional or statutory powers of control, the agreement shall, as a condition precedent to its entry into force, be submitted to the state officer or agency having such power of control and shall be approved or disapproved by him or it as to all matters within his or its jurisdiction in the same manner and subject to the same requirements governing the action of the attorneys general pursuant to paragraph (a) of this article. This requirement of submission and approval shall be in addition to and not in substitution for the requirement of submission to an approval by the attorneys general.

ARTICLE VIII. Other Laws Applicable

Nothing in this compact or in any library agreement shall be construed to supersede, alter or otherwise impair any obligation imposed on any library by otherwise applicable law, nor to authorize the transfer or disposition of any property held in trust by a library agency in a manner contrary to the terms of such trust.

ARTICLE IX. Appropriations and Aid

(a) Any public library agency party to a library agreement may appropriate funds to the interstate library district established thereby in the same manner and to the same extent as to a library wholly maintained by it and, subject to the laws of the state in which such public library agency is situated, may pledge its credit in support of an interstate library district established by the agreement.

(b) Subject to the provisions of the library agreement pursuant to which it functions and the laws of the states in which such district is situated, an interstate library district may claim and receive any state and federal aid which may be available to library agencies.

ARTICLE X. Compact Administrator

Each state shall designate a compact administrator with whom copies of all library agreements to which his state or any public library agency thereof is party shall be filed. The administrator shall have such other powers as may be conferred upon him by the laws of his state and may consult and cooperate with the compact administrators of other party states and take such steps as may effectuate the purposes of this compact. If the laws of a party state so provide, such state may designate one or more deputy compact administrators in addition to its compact administrator.

ARTICLE XI. Entry into Force and Withdrawal

(a) This compact shall enter into force and effect immediately upon its enactment into law by any two (2) states. Thereafter, it shall enter into force and effect as to any other state upon the enactment thereof by such state.

(b) This compact shall continue in force with respect to a party state and remain binding upon such state until six (6) months after such state has given notice to each other party state of the repeal thereof. Such withdrawal shall not be construed to relieve any party to a library agreement entered into pursuant to this compact from any obligation of that agreement prior to the end of its duration as provided therein.

ARTICLE XII. Construction and Severability

This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution

of any state party thereto, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining states and in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

History of Section.
As assigned, P. L. 1963, ch. 22, §1.

29-5-2. Compliance with local laws.—No city, town or library district of this state, hereinafter to be created, shall be party to a library agreement which provides for the construction or maintenance of a library pursuant to article III, subdivision (c-7) of the compact, nor pledge its credit in support of such a library, or contribute to the capital financing thereof, except after compliance with any laws applicable to such cities, towns or library districts hereinafter to be created relating to or governing capital outlays and the pledging of credit.

History of Section.
As assigned, P. L. 1963, ch. 22, §1.

***29-5-3. State library agency.**—As used in the compact, "state library agency," with reference to this state, means Rhode Island state library, or agency approved by the Rhode Island state librarian.

History of Section.
As assigned, P. L. 1963, ch. 22, §1.

29-5-4. Appropriations.—An interstate library district lying partly within this state may claim and be entitled to receive state aid in support of any of its functions to the same extent and in the same manner as such functions are eligible for support when carried on by entities wholly within this state. For the purposes of computing and apportioning state aid to interstate library districts hereinafter to be created, this state will consider that portion of the area which lies within this state as an independent entity for the performance of the aided function or functions and compute and apportion the aid accordingly. Subject to any applicable laws of this state, such a district also may apply for and be entitled to receive any federal aid for which it may be eligible.

History of Section.
As assigned, P. L. 1963, ch. 22, §1.

29-5-5. Compact administrator.—The director of the department of state library services shall be the compact administrator pursuant to article X of the compact.

History of Section.
As assigned, P. L. 1963, ch. 22, §1;
P. L. 1965, ch. 51, §1.

***29-5-6. Notices.**—In the event of withdrawal from the compact the secretary of state shall send and receive any notices required by article XI (b) of the compact.

History of Section.
As assigned, P. L. 1963, ch. 22, §1.

CHAPTER 6—STATE AID TO LIBRARIES

SECTION.		SECTION.	
29-6-1.	Statement of policy.	29-6-7.	Regional library centers grants-in-aid.
29-6-2.	State aid to free public libraries.	29-6-8.	Principal public library.
29-6-3.	Grants-in-aid — Eligibility requirements.	29-6-9.	Special research centers.
29-6-4.	Library councils.	29-6-10.	Appropriation authorization.
29-6-5.	Cooperative library services.	29-6-11.	Severability of provisions.
29-6-6.	State aid — Construction and capital improvements.		

29-6-1. Statement of policy.—The general assembly hereby declares it to be the policy of this state that free public libraries are essential to the general enlightenment of citizens in a democracy; that such free public libraries shall provide for the cultural, educational, informational and research needs of all citizens; that such free public libraries are an integral part of the educational system at all levels and a source for vocational information and continued learning following the period of formal education; and that it is the responsibility of government at all levels to provide adequate financial support for all such free public libraries. The general assembly further declares it to be the policy of this state to coordinate on a cooperative basis the resources of academic, free public, school and special libraries to meet the expanding needs of all citizens and that it is the responsibility of government at all levels to provide

adequate financial support to coordinate library resources throughout the state for improved library services to all citizens.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §3; P. L. 1967, ch. 227.

Compiler's Note.
P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §3 amended R. P. L. 1957, ch. 93 (which formerly constituted this chapter and provided financial aid to rural libraries) in its entirety to read as presently set out in §§29-6-1 to 29-6-10.

Comparative Legislation.
State aid to libraries:
Conn. Gen. Stat. 1958, §11-24.
Mass. Laws Ann., ch. 78, §19A.

29-6-2. State aid to free public libraries.—The department of state library services may cause to be paid annually to the city or town treasurers for the use and benefit of free public libraries established and maintained in said cities or towns grants-in-aid of not less than twenty-five (25¢) per capita and not more than fifty cents (50¢) per capita of the population in each of said cities and towns based on the latest decennial census by the United States census bureau.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §3.

29-6-3. Grants-in-aid—Eligibility requirements.—To qualify for an annual grant-in-aid under § 29-6-2 of this chapter, a city or town shall

(A) Appropriate annually for the use and benefit of free public libraries therein either (1) an amount equal to the proposed state grant-in-aid to said city or town pursuant to § 29-6-2, or (2) an amount not less than the amount appropriated and expended by said city or town for the use and benefit of free public libraries therein for the fiscal year of said city or town next preceding the fiscal year of said city or town in which [July 1, 1964 occurs], whichever amount shall be the greater;

(B) In the case of a city or town having more than one free public library therein, submit or cause to be submitted to the division of library extension services of the department of state library services a plan for the allotment or division of the proposed grant-in-aid to said city or town among the free public libraries in said city or town, said plan to be approved by the director of state library services; and

(C) Submit or cause to be submitted to the division of library extension services of the department of state library services evidence that the free public libraries in said city or town meet standards of service as set forth in regulations to be made by said director

of state library services pursuant to the provisions of § 29-3.1-5 of the general laws.

The director of state library services with approval of the advisory board of library commissioners may in his discretion upon application and for cause shown authorize an annual grant-in-aid under § 29-6-2 of this chapter, or a portion thereof, to a city or town not fully meeting the requirements set forth in paragraphs (A), (B) and (C) above.

Decisions as to the eligibility of cities and towns for grants-in-aid under this chapter, and the amounts of such grants-in-aid, shall be made by the director of state library services.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §3.

Compiler's Note.
Bracketed matter substituted for "this act takes effect."

29-6-4. Library councils.—In cities or towns having more than one free public library therein, the boards of trustees or other governing bodies of said libraries in said city or town, may appoint an inter-library committee to include the principal librarian of each of said libraries and one other representative of each of said libraries, said inter-library committee to be known as a "Library council". Such a library council is hereby authorized to prepare and submit on behalf of a city or town the plan required by the provisions of § 29-6-3 for division of the proposed annual grant-in-aid to said city or town among the free public libraries therein. Such a library council may also serve as a means for promoting inter-library cooperation in said city or town, and is authorized to advise the free public libraries therein on all matters relating to cooperative or joint library services, and may make recommendations pertaining thereto.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §3.

29-6-5. Cooperative library services.—Any city or town may enter into an agreement with another city or town, or more than one other to establish or maintain free public library service, or one or more aspects thereof to citizens therein, and such agreements for cooperative library service shall be valid when approved and accepted by the boards of trustees or other governing bodies of the libraries concerned, and by the respective city or town councils of the cities and towns parties to said agreement, and signed by the appropriate library officers and city or town officials thereunto authorized.

Like agreements for cooperative library service may be entered into by and between two (2) or more free public libraries, whether or not they are in the same city or town; provided, however, in the case of a free public library established or existing under the provisions of § 29-4-1 of the general laws, such agreement shall not be valid until it has been approved and accepted by the council of the city or town where said library is located.

Such agreements shall be reported to the division of library extension services of the department of state library services, and such appropriate and equitable adjustments in annual grants-in-aid under this chapter shall be made as the circumstances may require.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §3.

29-6-6. State aid—Construction and capital improvements.—The department of state library services may cause to be paid to a city or town treasurer, or to any free public library in the state, such grant-in-aid for the construction and capital improvement of any free public library as the director of state library services may determine is necessary and desirable to provide better free library services to the public, which shall be paid in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) No such grant-in-aid shall be made unless the city or town receiving the same shall cause to be appropriated for the same purpose an amount from its own funds and not from any federal grant or other federal financial assistance equal to or more than the state grant-in-aid, or unless funds from private sources are dedicated for the same purpose in an amount equal to or more than the state grant-in-aid, or unless the total of such city or town appropriation and such funds from private sources for the same purpose is equal to or more than the state grant-in-aid.

(b) The state grant-in-aid may be paid in installments over a period of years up to a maximum of twenty (20) years, beginning in the fiscal year during which the project is accepted by the department of state library services. Whenever a grant-in-aid is paid on the installment basis permitted herein, there shall be included in the state grant-in-aid the interest cost actually incurred by the city or town, or any free public library as a result of its having to borrow the state's portion of the total cost of the library project. The amount of this interest cost shall be computed on the actual interest cost paid by the city or town, or free public library less any applicable accrued interest, premiums and profits from investments, over

the period of time elapsing between the date borrowed funds are made available and the date of the last installment payment of the state grant-in-aid. Interest cost incurred by the city or town, or any free public library as a result of having to borrow its portion of the total cost of the library project shall not be considered a part of the total cost of the project for the purposes of matching provided for in sub-paragraph (a) hereof. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the department of state library services from accelerating the schedule of annual installments, or from paying the balance due of the state's grant-in-aid in a lump sum; provided, however, that the state grant-in-aid in any fiscal year shall include no less than one-twentieth (1/20) of the state's total reimbursable principal obligations.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §3; P. L. 1966, ch. 157, §1.

29-6-7. Interrelated library systems; grants-in-aid.—In order for the department of state library services to coordinate on a cooperative basis library resources throughout the state to provide improved library services, the department is authorized to establish five (5) interrelated library systems, one for the City of Providence and four (4) to be known as the Northern, the Western, the Island and the South County interrelated library systems. Within each such system, other than the Providence system, the department shall designate a public library as the Regional library center for such system, which library shall enter into an agreement with the department to administer the coordination of library resources within the system and to provide supplementary library and consulting services to libraries within the system and to residents of cities and towns within the system. Providence public library shall provide the coordination of library resources for the Providence system. Each Regional library center so designated hereunder by the department shall be eligible for an annual grant-in-aid (in addition to any other grants-in-aid under the provisions of this chapter) of not less than twenty-five cents (25¢) per capita of the population of the cities and towns served by it (other than the city or town where the same is located) based on the latest decennial census by the United States census bureau.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233; P. L. 1966, ch. 253, §1; P. L. 1967, ch. 227.

29-6-7.1. Supplementary resource centers; grants-in-aid.—The department of state library services is authorized to designate a library within each interrelated library system as a supplementary resource center to coordinate school, public, academic and special library resources within the system in order to provide improved library services to students and other learners. Each such supplementary resource center shall enter into an agreement with the department to provide such services and shall receive a minimum grant of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) annually for its services as a supplementary resource center.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §3; P. L. 1966, ch. 253, §1; P. L. 1967, ch. 227.

29-6-8. Principal public library.—The department of state library services is hereby authorized to designate the Providence public library as the "principal public library" in the state, the collections and services of which are and will be used by and made available to other free public libraries in the state, by residents of cities and towns other than the city of Providence, and by regional library centers. Such principal public library shall be eligible for an annual grant-in-aid in addition to any other grants-in-aid under this chapter of not less than one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000), on condition that such principal public library so designated enter into an appropriate agreement with the department of state library services to act as such principal public library in accordance with regulations to be made by the director of state library services pursuant to the provisions of § 29-3.1-5 of the general laws.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §3.

29-6-9. Special research centers.—The department of state library services is hereby authorized to designate certain other libraries, such as those at Brown University, the University of Rhode Island, and Rhode Island College, as "special research centers", the special collections of which are available for research in particular fields of knowledge. A special research center so designated shall be eligible for an annual grant-in-aid in an amount to be determined by the director of state library services on condition that such special research center so designated enter into an appropriate agreement with the department of state library services to act as such special

research center in accordance with regulations to be made by the director of state library services pursuant to the provisions of § 29-3.1-5 of the general laws.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §3.

29-6-10. **Appropriation authorization.** — The general assembly shall annually appropriate such sums as it may deem necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of §§ 29-6-2, 29-6-6, 29-6-7, 29-6-8 and 29-6-9 of this chapter; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sums, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him of duly authenticated vouchers.

History of Section.
As enacted by P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §3.

29-6-11. Severability of provisions.—If any provision of § 29-1-1 or of chapter 3.1, 4 or 6 of this title, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the act and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be [affected] thereby.

History of Section.
P. L. 1964, ch. 233, §6.

Compiler's Note.
Bracketed word substituted for "effected."

*By inadvertence, two sections were not changed when 29-5-5 was amended by P. L. 1965, ch. 51, §1. It is the intention of the Administration to change these two sections in the 1968 Session of the General Assembly.